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LI CHAI-SUM.

TO GO TO NANKING PERMANENTLY.

STATEMENT AT SHANGHAI.

Canton Not To Help In Northern Expedition?

DENIAL OF LOAN AND LOOP-LINE RAILWAY RUMOURS.

Marshal Li Chai-sum, his senior subordinate General Chen Min-chu, and his colleague, General Li Tsung-jen, have made important announcements at Shanghai. Marshal Li says that he expects to stay North for only a week or so, after which he will return to Canton; but surprise is caused by his statement that on the completion of certain matters in Kwangtung, he will go to Nanking permanently to carry out the duties of Chief of General Staff of the Nationalist Army, a post to which he was recently appointed by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

General Li Tsung-jen has shown which way the wind is blowing by stating that he does not think it will be possible for Canton to take part in the campaign against the North.

PRESENT VISIT'S OBJECTS.

Among the objects of his visit to Nanking, said Marshal Li Chai-sum, were:—

To discuss with several members of the Nationalist Government at Nanking the question of Canton's participation in the Northern Expedition.

To report on rehabilitation progress after the Red riots in Canton.

To discuss reorganisation of the Kwangtung armies, also questions incidental to same, such as funds required and the plans to be adopted.

Wait Three Months.

In his statement to Shanghai pressmen, Marshal Li also said that, in future, in all matters of importance concerning the two Kwang provinces, he will consult the Central Nationalist Government (at Nanking).

As to whether Canton will be able to send troops for the attack on the North, Marshal Li is quoted by the "Kung Sheung

Nor had he heard anything about the return (to Canton) of the former Nanking ministers now on a mission abroad, including Mr. Hu Han-min, Dr. C. C. Wu, Mr. Sun Fo and others.

General Chen Min-chu,

commander of the 11th Nationalist Army in Canton, stated that it was necessary to confer with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek prior to his departure for the front, on certain matters of importance.

He also expected—and in this connection he may have been referring also to Marshal Li—to visit Hankow, 400 miles up the Yangtze from Nanking.

In General Chen's opinion, Communism and banditry in Kwangtung ought to be suppressed in six months.

General Li Tsung-jen.

General Li Tsung-jen had gone to Shanghai specifically to meet Marshal Li. He also thinks that after visiting Nanking, a trip to Hankow will be made.

As regards the possibility of Canton assigning troops to join the Northern Expedition, General Li Tsung-jen says that he believes it unlikely.

General Li also spoke on his suggestion of reducing the number of troops in Nationalist territory.

Military Competition.

He said that he suggested the project to Kwangtung, Kwangsi, Kweichow and Yunnan first. "At present, the Revolutionary (i.e. Nationalist) Army need not be concerned as to whether Peking will be taken or not; or whether corrupt militarism will be overthrown; but the main concern is whether the old militarism is overthrown, there will be several new militarisms in the Nationalist camp," said General Li.

At present each province is increasing its military quota, added General Li, and the problem may become too big to be solved. If demobilisation is not begun he predicts "no end" to the competitive system of extension.

LI CHAI-SUM.

Views on Canton's Marshal and His Colleagues.

Not only was Hong Kong unwilling to believe that Marshal Li Chai-sum was unlikely to go to Nanking, but opinion in Shanghai (prior to his actual departure from Canton) was that he "had no intention of coming to Nanking."

Marshal Li is one of the big four of the so-called Kwangsi military faction which holds sway in South China and is also one of the most important groups in the Nationalist Party. General Wong Shu-hung, now in charge at Canton, is another. The other two are General Pei Chung-hsi and General Li Tsung-jen, both of whom are referred to in the following from the "North China Daily News."

Political Speculation.

Two telegrams have been sent to the Nationalist Government at Nanking which have given rise to considerable political speculation.

CASTIGATED.

Soviet Peace Plans At Geneva.

BRITAIN'S STAND.

Awkward Questions Asked About Civil War.

Geneva, Yesterday. The eagerly awaited debate on the Soviet proposals of complete disarmament was opened by General Di Marini (Italy) who said the plan was neither acceptable nor rejectable as a whole.

M. Clausel (France) followed on the same lines.

The speech of the day, however, was delivered by Lord Cushenden (Britain) who spoke for an hour before the adjournment. He severely criticised the Soviet plan and argued that some of these proposals were quite impossible. He was particularly severe on the omission to mention the League, notwithstanding that the Soviet representatives went to Geneva to discuss disarmament under the League auspices.

Lord Cushenden agreed, however, that a small committee should examine the plan.

Lord Cushenden declared that the League had never received any support from Russia, where Geneva and all its works had been reviled. The Soviet delegates had come to Geneva only in order to unmask the capitalist states and sabotage the League. He pointed out that if the article in the Russian scheme disallowing sanctions against the offender were accepted it would be necessary to repeal the Covenant of the League.

The Soviet proposal must be submitted to the Governments represented on the Commission as they would necessarily wish to confer with their technical experts. Consequently full discussion could not occur this session. He believed disarmament would be reached much easier by perseverance and patience.

Lord Cushenden's speech castigating the Soviets created a sensation in the Assembly, particularly when he declared there were two kinds of war and civil war was the worse kind. "Are the Soviets against civil war?" he asked.

He declared they were creating such wars in other countries. As regards naval disarmament the British were prepared to abolish submarines if the others did the same and were prepared to go even further in the reduction of battleships. Admiral Sato (Japan) pronounced that the Commission was incompetent to deal with the Russian proposals without the consent of the Council. The Assembly nevertheless hoped the Soviet representatives would continue their co-operation.—Reuter.

Pointed Questions.

A British official wireless report of the proceedings at Geneva states:—

Turning to Litvinoff, Lord Cushenden said there were two kinds of peace as there were two kinds of war. There was international war and civil war and civil war was the more horrible.

Were the Soviet really going to change their policy? Had they now decided against civil war? Where they no longer going to interfere with the affairs of other countries?

Unless they were ready to make such a change he was sure they would recognise themselves their attitude was one of the greatest obstacles to the far-reaching disarmament proposals which they themselves had made.

One is from General Pei Chung-hsi in which he states that the province of Hunan has been pacified and that he will assist in the Northern expedition.

The other is from Marshal Li Chai-sum of Canton to the effect that he expects to visit Nanking in the near future to report on progress in the South. It is understood that should he come, General Chen Min-chu, the Cantonese general in Kwangtung, will come with him.

Maintaining Fiction.

In Chinese political circles, it was suggested that General Pei Chung-hsi has no intention of participating in the Northern expedition.—(Continued on Page 2.)

SINGAPORE BASE.

Labour Questions In Parliament.

"DISGRACE TO BRITAIN."

Allegations Concerning Workers' Living Conditions.

During the report stage of the Army Estimates Mr. W. T. Kelly (Labour) referred to the very unsettling rumours of the conditions under which employees in the War Department at Singapore lived which, he asserted, were a disgrace to Britain.

"We ought to set a standard as an example to the people of that part of the world," he said.

Mr. Mardy Jones (Labour) also asked what proportion of the money was being spent at Singa-



SIR WORTHINGTON EVANS

pore this year on the causeway linking up the mainland and the island, and asked if a number of Japanese planters had brought up large tracts of land which, militarily, were very important from the standpoint of Singapore as defences. He expressed strong doubts whether local opinion in Singapore was very strong in support of the scheme.

Sir Worthington Evans, (Secretary for War) said discussion of the Base was outside his sphere. The total expenditure incurred was \$385,000 and this year \$22,000 would be spent.

The general instructions were that labour should be employed in accordance with fair local rates. He had no doubt that the carrying out of the report stage was concluded.—Reuter.

IBSEN CENTENARY.

FUNCTIONS IN NORWAY AND ENGLAND.

Oslo, Yesterday. A salute of 21 guns will be fired at all Norwegian fortresses to-day in connection with the centenary of Ibsen, which is being celebrated.

RAIN LATER?

To-day's Official Weather Forecast.

N.E. winds, moderate; cloudy, some rain later, is the forecast for the twenty-four hours ending at noon to-morrow.

The anticyclone has weakened. It is now central over the Bonins. Another has formed over N. China. The depression has deepened and is central over Hokkaido. The monsoon will set in again along the China Coast.

ed throughout Norway and also in England. Oslo is beflagged and a British representative is among the speakers at the ceremony at the cemetery where the poet is buried.—Reuter.

SUMMER TIME.

FRANCE FIXES A NEW DATE.

Paris, Yesterday. Summertime will begin at midnight on April 14 instead of April 21 as agreed by Britain, Belgium and Holland in order to avoid misunderstandings over the closing of the polls in the parliamentary election on April 22.—Reuter.

RETALIATION.

SOVIET ENGINEERS IN GERMANY.

Berlin, Yesterday. Permission to a number of Russian engineers to inspect Rhinish industrial works has been withdrawn owing to the recent arrest of German engineers.—Reuter.

QUEUE CUT OFF.

Outrage On Manila Chinese.

CLAIM FOR DAMAGES.

Sequel To Sun Yat-sen Birthday Celebrations.

Manila, March 14. Is it a crime to cut a Chinaman's queue? If so, what's the penalty provided by law?

These are but specimens of many similar questions officials of the municipal court find themselves up against as a result of a complaint filed by a local Celestial against two of his own countrymen.

Po Cong-sui, a Manchu by political affiliation, residing on Calle Santos Cristo, got into a conversation with Lao Hoo and Ang Lao, staunch followers of Sun Yat-sen, on March 12, a Chinese holiday commemorating Dr. Sun's birthday.

The conversation soon took a personal tinge, so much so that Lao Hoo and Ang Lao insisted that Po Cong-sui didn't look nice with his queue on. Of course, Po answered that it was his own affair.

Somehow, Lao and Ang didn't relish Po's answer, so that night when Po was in bed they deftly removed the queue, offending queue. They placed it beneath Po's bed where he found it the next morning.

Po went to the courts to seek redress of grievances. But court officials so far haven't found any provision in the penal code penalizing one who cuts a man's hair.

There is a penalty for cutting a woman's hair. Po was advised to file a civil complaint and ask for damages. He said he would, claiming that he could no longer do business with his own nationals who are followers of the Manchu dynasty. The queue, he said, is a good business asset, as with it he could trade with or borrow money from other Manchus in the city.

Court officials told Po to estimate the exact damages he has sustained as the result of the loss of his queue. He is still calculating. It is under stood.

TALE OF TWO CARS.

COLLISION AND A FACTION QUARREL.

YOUTH PUNCTURES TYRES.

Wong Tat-sang is a young Chinese boy who works as a motor car washer in a garage in Queen's-road West. What time he is not washing cars, young Wong is to be found day or night in the vicinity of the Chinese restaurants at Shek-tong-tui touting for fare for his employer's cars.

Another person who is always to be found in the same vicinity is Atta Mohamed. Atta is an elderly Indian who works as a watchman at the Nam Wah restaurant, and being a thrifty man he had saved enough to become the proud owner of a motor car (No. 171) which, driven by a compatriot, also plies in Shek-tong-tui for hire as a public vehicle.

An Eye to Business.

Always with an eye for business Atta was able to keep his car constantly busy carrying visitors from the Nam Wah restaurant, and thus plenty of extra dollars rolled into his pocket. Being the watchman, it was Atta's business to get cars for the visitors, and what is more whenever it was not engaged?

His Chinese rivals envied Atta, whose position they considered unfair in competition, but Atta headed them not until his driver quarrelled with a driver from a Chinese garage over the amount of damage to be paid arising out of a collision.

Atta's Driver the Aggressor.

Atta's driver appeared before Mr. Lindsell last week and was fined \$5 because the Magistrate was of the opinion that he was the aggressor.

Matters should have ended there, but, as Inspector Clark suggested, the Chinese were not satisfied with their victory, and early on Tuesday morning more trouble came Atta's way.

About 2 o'clock that morning, Atta secured some passengers for his car, and signalled it to come to the entrance of the restaurant.

Unsuccessful Chase.

Whilst it was waiting there, young Wong suddenly dashed past the car on its right side. He passed very near the car, and as he did so, he was observed by both

HOME SPINNERS.

Mills Being Closed Down.

MACHINERY EXPORTED.

President Of Board Of Trade Replies To Labour Member.

London, Yesterday. In the House of Commons, Mr. T. Johnston (Labour) drew attention to the Globe Mill, at Oldham, which was sold at a break-up price and the machinery shipped to the Far East to be operated by cheaper labour for longer hours.

Four hundred workers were thus unemployed in England. He asked whether other similar sales of machinery were projected to India and Japanese capitalists and what steps the Board of Trade proposed to take in the matter.

The Rt. Hon. Sir P. Cunliffe Lister (President of the Board of Trade) replied that he was unaware of this particular case, but it was a fact that a number of cotton spinning mills were being closed down and the machinery sold. Some portion of such machinery might be shipped abroad but he had no power to prohibit such export; but it was much more important that there should be an amalgamation and reconstruction of the Lancashire cotton trade (which must come from within) so that new machinery might be installed.—Reuter.

Employers Meet.

The position arising from the recent break-down of the cotton conference was discussed at a meeting of representatives of the Master Cotton Spinners' Association and the Manufacturers' Association at Manchester. It is not considered probable that the Employers' federation will force an issue with the operatives on the proposal to reduce wages and lengthen hours, but there is a strong feeling in the trade that there should be a 48-hour production week not including, as at present, the time needed to clean machinery.—Reuter.

NO MUZZLE.

DOG SEEKS PROTECTION OF THE LAW!

SHELTER WITH SOLICITOR.

Mr. A. E. Hall, solicitor, was this morning summoned before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy for allowing a dog to be at large without a muzzle.

An Indian constable who brought the summons against Mr. Hall, told the Magistrate that he saw a "red" dog jump over a wall at No. 61, Conduit-road and he chased it. The animal ran into house No. 45, and concluding that the owner of the dog lived there, he took out the summons.

Mr. Hall whilst admitting that he owned many dogs, submitted that it had not been proved that the dog the Indian saw belonged to him. The fact that the dog ran to his house did not show that he was its owner.

The Magistrate dismissed the summons.

The Public Works Department calls for tenders for permission to obtain clay from Crown Land at Cha-kwo-ling. Details are given in an advertisement on page 3.

Atta and his driver to poke the two right tyres with something.

As soon as Wong got past the car, Atta heard the sound of air escaping from his car's tyres, and immediately realised that Wong had punctured them. He immediately chased the little imp, but failed to catch him.

When Atta got back to his car, he found both right tyres were flat, and when the visitors arrived at the door of the restaurant, Atta's car was unable to proceed, and a fulfil the local and export demand; Chinese owned car got the business.

Wong Gets The Birch.

Atta went to the police about it, and yesterday afternoon took a detective to the garage in Queen's-road West where young Wong was arrested.

This morning the boy appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy charged with damaging the tyres of Atta's car. He strenuously denied the offence, but as both Indians identified him, the Magistrate found the youngster guilty and ordered him to receive ten strokes of the rattan.

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THE ANNUAL REVIEW.

Directors On Hok Ua Works Proposal.

A marked improvement during the year was reported at the annual meeting this morning of the Green Island Cement Company, Ltd. The closing down of the Deep Water Bay works and the desirability of bringing the Hok Ua Works more up to date was referred to and it was indicated that the Board was investigating the matter with a view to putting proposals before the shareholders. The new works at Macao were working satisfactorily, it was stated.

Profit for the year, after providing \$79,650.50 for depreciation, amounts to \$121,623.36.

Mr. R. G. Shewan presided at the meeting, supported by Messrs. J. H. Taggart, Allan Cameron, J. Scott Harston, Li Tse-fong and C. F. Mendham (Directors), Mr. Allan Keith (Secretary) and the following shareholders: Messrs. F. M. Ellis, E. M. Raymond, G. H. Potts, A. L. Shields, N. V. A. Croucher, I. W. Shewan, P. F. C. Prata, E. L. Sim, D. M. Goodall, J. Coulthart, A. H. M. da Silva, J. W. Kew and H. A. Figueiredo.

The Chairman's Speech.

The Chairman addressed the meeting as follows: I am pleased to state that the result for the year under review shows a marked improvement on that of the preceding year, and with the more settled conditions prevailing in South China, it is to be hoped that such improvement will not only be maintained, but that in respect of the current year we shall be in a position to present you with a more satisfactory showing.

The profit for the year after providing \$79,650.50 for depreciation amounts to \$121,623.36, and after deducting from this sum the debit balance brought forward from the previous year amounting to \$23,562.65, there remains a credit balance of \$98,060.71 which your Directors recommend be dealt with as follows:—

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\$91,960.71 and I trust such recommendation will meet with the approval of shareholders.

Trade Conditions.

Trade during the year under review was, as you are aware, far from normal, but taking into consideration the vicissitudes through which we have passed and more particularly the stagnation in general construction work—with which the sale of our products is so intimately identified—coupled with the severity of competition for such business as has been passing, I venture to think that we may regard ourselves as fortunate in being enabled to show a small profit on the year's working.

The two new kilns at our Macao works are now working satisfactorily, and, together with the two Buhler kilns which were transferred from Hong Kong and are in course of erection, should, on completion, place us in a position to meet the demand from Canton and the West River districts when trade becomes normal, thus conforming with our policy to concentrate our Macao output on that particular market.

Hok Ua Works.

Turning to our Hok Ua works, owing to the plant in use there becoming gradually obsolete, the cost of manufacture there is increasing and we have found it necessary to transport Macao cement to Hong Kong in order to fulfil the local and export demand; Chinese owned car got the business.

high to enable us to compete successfully with other brands in these particular markets. In this connection, we cannot anticipate any improvement in the prevailing state of affairs until such time as we are able to instal an entirely new factory capable of turning out the high grade product which we have hitherto maintained, and ensuring its being marketed at a materially lower price. The cost of an up-to-date factory would, we believe, approximate to \$3,000,000, and its installation would require ten strokes of the rattan.

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General Tang Seng-chi, once the autocrat of Nationalist Hankow, who is reported to have reached Nanking after seeking asylum in Japan.

Yat Po" as having expressed the view that it would be necessary to wait three months.

When He Will Return.

Marshal Li added that urgent matters in Canton required his attention. Accordingly, he was only staying for a week or so in Nanking and Shanghai.

When reorganization of the Kwangtung armies had been completed, he said, when Communism had been eradicated, and when reconstitution of the Canton Government had been accomplished, he will return to Nanking to assume duty as Chief of the General Staff of the Nationalist Army.

Loan and Loop Line.

Marshal Li also expressed sympathy with the wholesale demobilisation proposed by his colleague, General Li Tsung-jen.

Marshal Li strongly denied the "outside" rumours that Canton was to have a loan and that the loop line between the Canton-Hankow and Canton-Kowloon Railways had been agreed.

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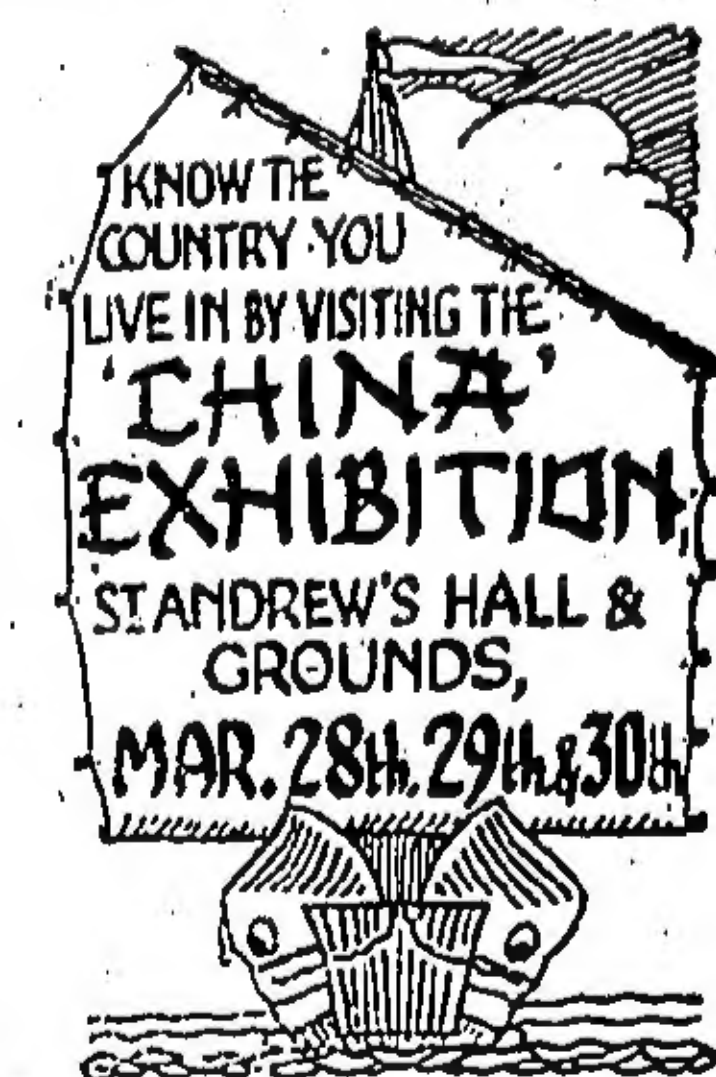
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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 4th April to the 11th April, 1928, both days inclusive. Dated this 20th day of March, 1928. By Order of the Board, J. P. SHERRY, Manager. 14, Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong.

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By Order of the Board, C. G. COPELEY, Secretary. Hong Kong, 20th March, 1928.

THE BANK OF CANTON, LIMITED.

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By Order of the Board, LOOK POONG-SIAN, Chief Manager. Hong Kong, 19th March, 1928.

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A full service will be restored immediately dredging operations cease. J. P. SHERRY, Manager. Hong Kong Telephone Co., Ltd. Hong Kong, 17th March, 1928.

NOTICES.

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NO. S. 64.—IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that SEALED TENDERS in Triplicate, which should be clearly marked "Tender for permission to obtain clay from a parcel of Crown Land at CHA KWO LING, S.D. III, N.T." will be received at the Colonial Secretary's Office until Noon of TUESDAY, the 27th day of March, 1928, for the occupation for a period of one year from the date of notification of acceptance of tender of the piece or parcel of ground, containing about one acre, shown coloured red on plan signed by the Director of Public Works and dated 9th March, 1928, but subject to certain conditions which can be ascertained at the office of the Director of Public Works.

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HAROLD T. CREASY, Director of Public Works. 9th March, 1928.

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THE 39th ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above COMPANY will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 21st day of March, 1928, at Noon for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1927.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 13th March, 1928, until WEDNESDAY, the 21st March, 1928, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers. Hong Kong, 1st March, 1928.

THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-NINTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on MONDAY, the 26th March, 1928, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1927.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 26th March, 1928, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD. General Managers, The Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. Hong Kong, 6th March, 1928.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company (since its registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 28th March, 1928, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1927.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 22nd day of March, to THURSDAY, the 29th day of March, 1928, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers. Hong Kong, 16th March, 1928.

FANLING HUNT STEEPCHASES.

EASTER MEETING. Saturday, 31st March, 1928.

DRAFT PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS for the EASTER MEETING to be held on Saturday, 31st March, may be obtained from Dr. F. PIERCE-GROVE, Alexandra Buildings. ENTRIES close before NOON, Wednesday, 20th March, 1928.

NOTICES.

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Hong Kong, 21st March, 1928. J. HENNESSEY SETH, S. HAMPDEN ROSS, Liquidators. c/o Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming.

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ENLISTMENT HIT.

The official records of the House of Commons for February 20 contain the following:—

Lieut.-Commander Kenworthy asked the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs what British subjects are serving or have been serving during the civil war in China in the various rival armies; whether any steps are taken to prevent this infringement of the Foreign Enlistments Act and, if so, what are they; whether any steps are taken to deal with such persons who break the law; and if it was with his knowledge and consent that Captain Talbot-Lehmann served as aeronautical adviser to Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang, son of Marshal Chang Tso-lin?

Sir A. Chamberlain.—So far as I know, no British subjects are or have been serving in any Chinese army during the present civil wars. A Captain Sutton was formerly employed in the Mukden Arsenal, but resigned his post at the beginning of last year. A Mr. Talbot-Lehmann was employed as an instructor in aviation by General Chang Hsueh-liang last year, but resigned on October 8 last. They have both, I understand, left China. Such action by British subjects would not, I am advised, constitute an infringement of the Foreign Enlistment Act, but it is possible that it might be held to constitute an offence against Article 75 of the China Order-in-Council, 1925, as actual participation in the present hostilities certainly would. Messrs. Sutton and Talbot-Lehmann were officially warned of the provision in question. Other measures adopted to prevent British subjects from taking up service in the Chinese armies were described in my reply to the hon. member for Penistone (Mr. Rennie Smith) on May 23 last. The reply to the last part of the hon. and gallant member's question is in the negative.

Lieut.-Commander Kenworthy.—Are we to understand the right hon. gentleman draws a distinction therefore between a British subject who served with a rifle in the ranks and a British subject employed in an arsenal in designing cannon or aeroplanes? Is not that rather straining the Order-in-Council to the utmost?

Refusal of Assistance.

Sir A. Chamberlain.—No, sir. I do not really undertake as a layman to interpret this Article on my own authority nor even the Order-in-Council, but I am advised that the interpretation which I place upon both of these documents is probably the correct one. I have observed that His Majesty's Minister in Peking refused to assist one of these gentlemen in a prosecution against the Chinese Government, because he infringed the Order-in-Council.

Lieut.-Commander Kenworthy.—Are we to understand that no steps are being taken in any way to reprimand or to punish these officers; and what would the right hon. gentleman do if they had served in that capacity with the Nationalist Army, for example?

Colonel Howard-Bury.—Is it not a fact that there was not a very great difference during the war between a munition worker in this country and a coal hewer? Colonel Day.—Can the right hon. gentleman say whether there is any precedent for the interpretation which has just been given?

Sir A. Chamberlain.—If the hon. member wants precedents, he must put a question on the Paper. If there are any, I will give them. No Distinctions.

Lieut.-Commander Kenworthy.—What would happen to those who served in the Nationalist army?

Sir A. Chamberlain.—I conceive that exactly the same thing would happen. One of these gentlemen—perhaps the hon. Member would like me to read the letter addressed to me by—(Hon. Members:—"No, No!")—I will show the hon. and gallant member a copy.

Lieut.-Colonel Heneage.—Is it not a fact that the British Empire was largely built up by the gallant actions of adventurers such as these?

Sir A. Chamberlain.—I do not wish to encourage these gentlemen to engage in exploits of this kind on the ground that they are assisting to build up the British Empire.

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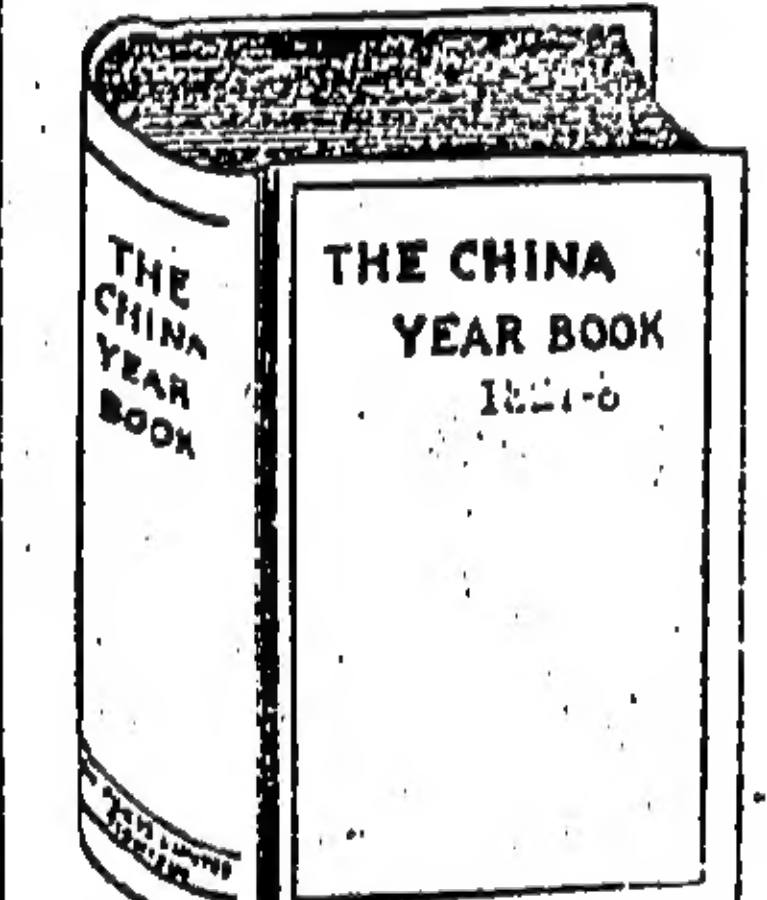
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E. V. JESSEN, Superintendent. Hong Kong, 16th March, 1928.

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E. A. LEGGATT, Superintendent. Hong Kong, 8th March, 1928.

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TO-DAY'S REPORT AND DEPARTURES.

THIS MORNING'S RETURN.

The arrival of vessels as recorded at the Harbour Office, in the time under review, ending at 9 a.m. this morning include a list of 14 vessels, of which the Japanese and British vessels figure prominently with 5 and 3 arrivals respectively.

The cargo imported to this Colony, by the above vessels, totals 11,181 tons, to which amount the British contributed 3,166 tons. Most of the goods imported is general merchandise.

Cargo being shipped through Hong Kong for ports beyond, amounts to a total of 35,779 tons, 7,277 tons are being shipped by British vessels.

With regard to the above figures, the best return shown by one vessel for cargo imported to Hong Kong, was given by the s.s. "President Grant" from Manila—Messrs. American Mail Co.—1,924 tons general cargo.

The highest figures obtained for cargo being shipped through for ports beyond, was registered by the s.s. "Dr. Pierre Benoit" from Saigon—Messrs. M.M.—6,756 tons general merchandise.

Passengers arrived in Hong Kong in the time under review, by the above vessels, totals 1925 persons, which include 1,304 Asiatic deck; 134 European cabin; 487 Asiatic cabin.

Departures.

The departure of vessels from Hong Kong yesterday, recorded at the Harbour Office, registers 27 vessels as having left for ports beyond.

Clearances of vessels from the Colony, total 4 vessels.

Ship	Arrivals	Departures	Port
British	5	5	17
Japanese	6	8	10
Chinese	4	9	13
Swedish	1	1	0
French	1	1	4
Norwegian	1	0	5
Dutch	1	0	7
American	0	2	0
Danish	0	1	0
Portuguese	0	0	2
German	0	0	1
	19	27	59

THREE DEATHS.

On arrival to the Colony from Singapore, the master of the s.s. "Van Heutz" reports to the Harbour Master to the effect that while doing the above trip, 3 Asiatic deck passengers died, and were buried at sea, while later on the voyage a child was born to an Asiatic woman.

The annual meeting of the Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd., will be held in the company's office, P. & O. building, at 11 a.m. on April 2. Transfer books will be closed from March 29 to April 2 inclusive.

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LANCASHIRE CO.'S ENTERPRISE.

London, Feb. 8.

Messrs. Cammell Laird & Co., Ltd., launched from their Birkenhead shipyard, yesterday the twin-screw cargo motor vessel "Muncaster Castle," which is the second they have built for the Lancashire Shipping Co., Ltd., Liverpool, of which Messrs. James Chambers & Co. are the managers. The naming and launching ceremony was performed by Mrs. Edward John Barber, of New York, wife of the president of the Barber Steamship Lines, Inc., New York representative of the owners. The launch was in every way an unqualified success, the ship taking the water within a comparatively short period of the time when Mrs. Barber pulled the trigger which automatically released the launching gear.

The "Muncaster Castle" was taken in tow and placed in Messrs. Cammell Laird and Co.'s large basin, where she will be completed, and her machinery placed on board.

Those Present.

After the ceremony the guests adjourned to the offices of the builders, among those present being: Messrs. W. L. Hitchens (chairman), Robert Whitehead (director), and R. S. Johnson (Birkenhead managing director), together with J. W. P. Laird, S. Woodward, P. McMenemy (London), and F. O. John (shipbuilding manager), representing the builders; the Lancashire Shipping Co. and Messrs. James Chambers and Co. were represented by Messrs. S. C. Chambers, A. S. Chambers, W. D. Wilson (directors), E. J. Barber (New York representative), Captain Wm. Lightoller (marine superintendent), also Mr. Shirley Esplen, of Messrs. Esplen and Sons (consulting engineers to the owners for the "Muncaster Castle"), and the following ladies—Mrs. A. S. Chambers, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Woodward, Miss Johnson, Miss Laird, and Miss Doughton. Mrs. Barber was presented by Messrs. Cammell Laird and Co. with a handsome black silk embroidered handbag, and from Messrs. James Chambers and Co. (managers of the Lancashire Shipping Co.) she received a diamond brooch.

Mr. Hitchens, who presided, said he desired on behalf of Messrs. Cammell Laird to thank Mrs. Barber for being present, and for having launched the ship so gracefully and so successfully. It had been one of the most successful launches he had ever seen, and he hoped that the ship would be as equally successful, and that the company would require more such ships. He trusted they would be able to attribute the "Muncaster Castle's" success, in whole or in part, to the fact that she was built by Messrs. Cammell Laird and Co.

Worthy of the Line.

Mr. A. S. Chambers said he would like to extend the thanks of the directors and managers of the Lancashire Shipping Co., Ltd., to Mr. Hitchens, and the directors of Messrs. Cammell Laird and Co. for the very hearty welcome they had accorded them, and for their wishes for the "Muncaster Castle's" prosperity. He thought they had seen enough of the ship to believe that they were certain that she would justify the magnificent work that he company had put into her. He extended on behalf of the Lancashire Shipping Co., and Messrs. James Chambers and Co., their thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Barber for coming over from New York, and especially to Mrs. Barber for so gracefully performing the launching ceremony. Mr. Barber was their representative in New York, and in his hands was practically the whole of the management of the freight arrangements for the ships at that port. He thought that when Mr. Barber looked on the "Muncaster Castle" he would see a ship that was worthy of the line, and he considered she would be a success, having been built by such a capable company as Cammell Laird.

Mrs. Barber, in responding, said she did not think she had ever met with greater courtesy or kindness at any place—and she had travelled extensively—than she had received on that occasion.

Mr. Barber, also conveying his thanks to Messrs. James Chambers and Co. and the Lancashire Shipping Co., said that if hard work and endeavour would do the trick to make the vessel successful they could expect it from him in New York.

Mr. Wilson expressed the gratification of the Lancashire Shipping Co. and Messrs. James Chambers and Co. for the work that had been done on the ship and her sister ship, and proposed the health of Messrs. Cammell

Laird and Co., coupling with it the name of Mr. R. S. Johnson, the Birkenhead managing director.

Sad Feeling and the Cure.

Mr. Johnson, in responding, said it had given his company great pleasure for Mr. and Mrs. Barber to have been with them that day. They had originally made very scanty arrangements for the launch, but if they had known that Mr. and Mrs. Barber would be coming they certainly would have done it in much better style.

They, as a firm, regretted very much the launch of the "Muncaster Castle," because it meant that when they should not be so closely associated with the directors and officials of the Lancashire Shipping Co. It was always a sad feeling, but there was a cure for it, and if the Lancashire Shipping Co. could just make up their minds to build another two ships they would be very pleased indeed, and they would do their best to enjoy their company again. They had the pleasant relations with the officials of the Lancashire Shipping Co., and they were sorry that the builders of the engines were not represented that day.

He thought Mr. Summers Hunter and the North-Eastern Marine Engineering Co. deserved just as much credit as they did. Mr. Summers Hunter had sent them the engines for the first ship, which were on board, and the engines for the "Muncaster Castle" were due at their Birkenhead works within the next 24 hours. They were Diesel engines, and were very special. They were very proud to build the ship and to be associated with the North-Eastern Marine Engineering Company.

Description of the Vessel.

The "Muncaster Castle" is of the following dimensions—Length, 425 ft. B.P.; breadth moulded, 56 ft.; depth moulded, 31 ft. 9 in.; displacement load, about 13,200 tons; and estimated speed, about 14 knots. She is built of mild steel, under special survey, to Lloyd's 100 A1 Class, and is constructed on the Isherwood Combination System of framing. She has a straight stem and an elliptical stern. A cellular double bottom extends all fore and aft and is divided into numerous compartments for oil fuel or water ballast, while the fore and after penks are fitted as ballast tanks.

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RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES—Via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Cape Town.	Saturday, 24th March.
HAWAII MARU	Friday, 27th April.
LAPLATA MARU	Friday, 27th April.
BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.	Wednesday, 21st March.
INDUS MARU (Calls at Penang)	Thursday, 5th April.
SHUNKO MARU (Calls at Karachi)	Thursday, 5th April.
BORNEO MARU (Calls at Penang)	Thursday, 19th April.
DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR, MOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.	Saturday, 31st March.
CANADA MARU	Saturday, 31st March.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.	Sunday, 25th March.
TACOMA MARU	Wednesday, 25th April.
SEATTLE MARU	Wednesday, 25th April.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER Via Japan Ports.	Tuesday, 20th March.
PARIS MARU (From Shanghai)	Tuesday, 20th March.
HAIPHONG—Via HOIHOW & PAKHOI.	Thursday, 12th April, 10 a.m.
MENADO MARU	Thursday, 12th April, 10 a.m.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.	Friday, 13th April.
JAPAN PORTS	
HONOLULU MARU	Tuesday, 27th March.
SOURABAYA MARU	Wednesday, 28th March.
ANDES MARU	Friday, 13th April.
KERINCI—Via SWATOW & AMOY.	Sunday, 25th March, 11 a.m.
HOZAN MARU	Sunday, 25th March, 11 a.m.
TAKAO—Via SWATOW & AMOY.	Thursday, 22nd March, 8 a.m.
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TANDA	6,954	5th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
NOVARA	6,089	8th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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Y'nam via Moji & Kobe	KUMSANG	Wed., 4th Apr. at 7 a.m.
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Canton	HOPSONG	Thurs., 22nd Mar. at 7 a.m.
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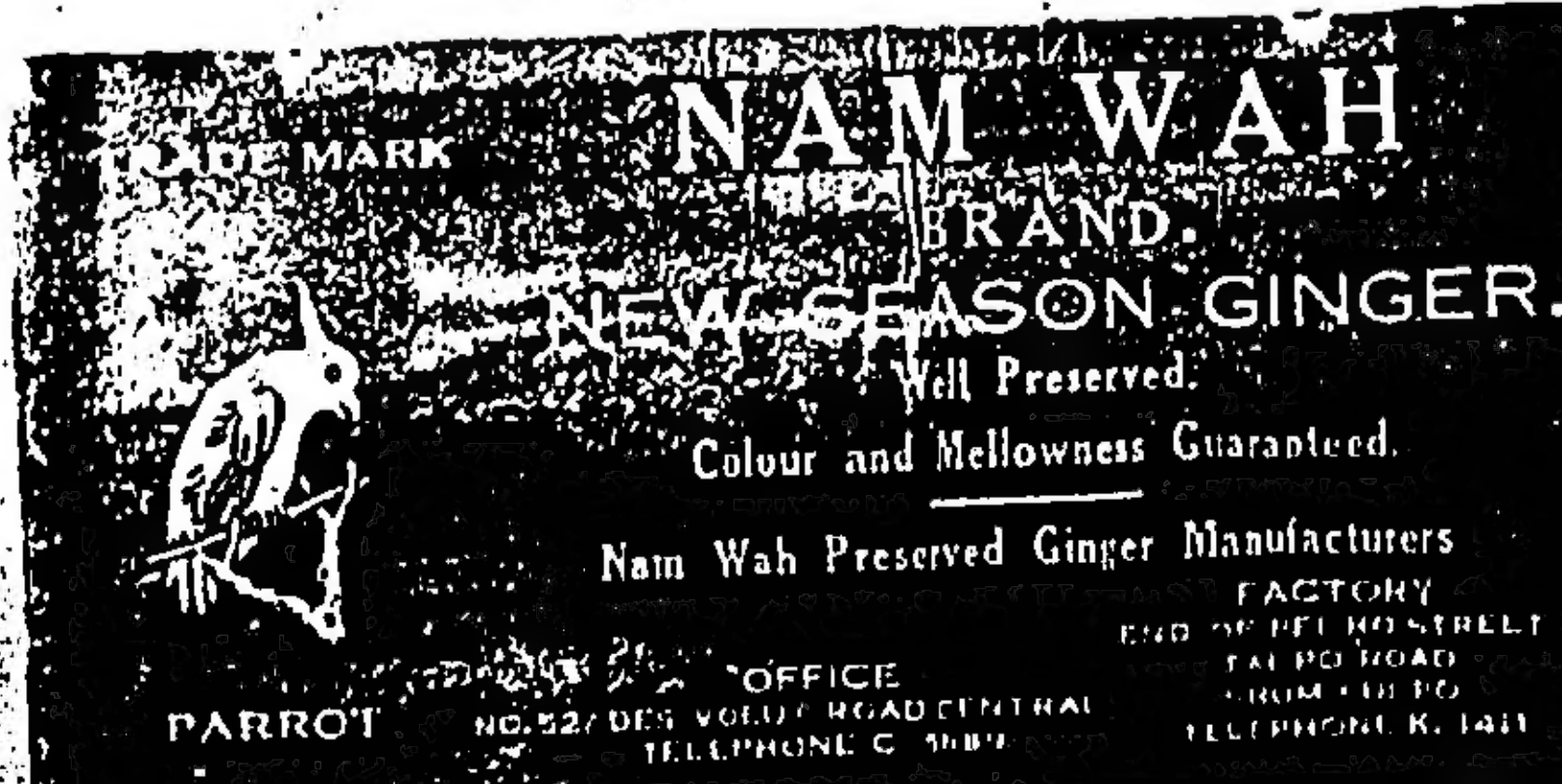
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PEARCE—To Mr. and Mrs. H. J.
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Hong Kong, Wednesday Mar. 21, 1928.

POSSERS FOR RUSSIA.

So the League Assembly at Geneva has at last had before it for consideration the Russian plans for complete disarmament within four years, and it seems, upon technical grounds, that the proposition will be shelved or at least left over for the Council of the League to deal with. The scheme, as we have already submitted, is an absurd one, there being no more possibility of attaining complete disarmament among the Powers in four years than there is in forty years. The plan's many flaws, or some of them, were revealed in the course of the debate which is summarised in our columns, to-day. Where particular cause for gratification lies, however, is not in pointing out where the Soviet proposals are unworkable, but in the opportunity which Lord Cushenden, the senior British representative at Geneva, seized to ask M. Litvinoff, the Russian delegate, some extremely awkward questions, questions which obviously require answers before the Soviet plan for world peace can receive serious consideration by the League Assembly or any other body.

Lord Cushenden's address, we are told, created a sensation in the Assembly. It is not difficult to visualise the dramatic force of his presentation of Britain's views on the Soviet proposals. He mentioned, as if incidentally, that throughout the sixty-three

articles comprising the Russian plan there was no reference at all to the League of Nations and then, it appears, turned to M. Litvinoff and released his barrage of penetrating questions, the answers to which have not yet come to hand and should prove highly interesting when and if they ever do come to hand. Were the Soviet really going to change their policy? asked Lord Cushenden. Had they decided against civil war as well as against international war? Were they no longer going to interfere in the affairs of other countries?

Here, it seems, the British representative arrived in one quick step at the crux of the whole matter of these peace proposals and deserves the thanks of all the Powers who have suffered and are suffering from the effects of Bolshevik molestation. He took the initiative in demanding proof of Russia's bona fides in submitting this ornate plan for the absolute prevention of international strife in the course of four years, pointing out that unless they were ready to renounce civil war and their meddling activities their own attitude was one of the greatest obstacles to that far-reaching disarmament plan of their creation. Of course, the usual wriggling may follow; we may have protestations of innocence from M. Litvinoff in regard to the points raised by Lord Cushenden. But we have had these declarations before, and the diplomats assembled at Geneva will, without a doubt, know how to deal with them.

CORRESPONDENCE.

BRIQUETTE COAL.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir,—That another of Hong Kong's needs will soon be satisfied will be welcome news, indeed, to the public in general when it is learned that a new public utility concern will, at long last, make its appearance in our midst to cater to the needs of the public, and rich and poor alike will be benefitted as its aim is to supply cheaper fuel of better quality.

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OBITUARY.

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The General Post Office has lost a valued member of its staff by the death at the age of 44, of Mr. J. M. Britto, of the Parcels Department, which occurred yesterday morning at his residence, No. 12, Granville-road, Kowloon.

Mr. Britto joined the Post Office when he was fifteen years old and had served the Government loyally for twenty-nine years. Eighteen months ago, while returning home after visiting his mother who was ailing at the time, he had the misfortune to fall from a bus and fracture his leg. He was removed to the Kowloon Hospital for treatment and in January of this year, he underwent an operation at the Peak Hospital since when he has been ailing.

The deceased was greatly esteemed by his colleagues and he had a host of friends. He is survived by his wife and only son, an aged mother, three surviving sisters (Mrs. J. A. S. Alves, Mrs. E. J. Figueiredo, and Mrs. G. Osmund), a brother in Shanghai and another in Japan, with whom the deepest sympathy is felt in their sad bereavement.

A large gathering of the deceased's friends, colleagues and relatives attended his funeral yesterday afternoon, which took place at the Roman Catholic Cemetery. The service was conducted by the Rev. Father Granelli.

The chief mourners were:—Mr. H. Britto (son), and Messrs. J. A. S. Alves, E. J. Figueiredo, G. Osmund, E. O. P. Hyndman, E. R. Hyndman, and L. Xavier (brother-in-law). Included in the gathering were noticed:—Mr. T. Hynes and Mr. F. H. Holdman, Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of Mails, respectively, Miss Hynes, Messrs. Lea, H. Dixon, A. J. Reed, J. J. Osborne, J. S. dos Remedios, J. C. Barros, J. A. d'Almeida, F. Castilho, J. E. Ward, M. A. Mendes, T. M. Perpetuo, P. Roza, D. A. dos Remedios, S. V. dos Remedios, J. T. Victor, P. Xavier, E. N. Rozario, C. Cunha, J. Botelho, A. F. B. Silva-Netto, J. P. Braga, J. Braga, J. Noronha, A. Osmund, E. E. Osmund, A. Barros, C. M. S. Alves, C. Assumpcao, F. X. Pereira, V. Goncalves, F. X. Soares, H. Hyndman, Jr., A. Hyndman (Ebbey), A. Silva, H. H. Remedios, Mrs. P. M. Hyndman, Miss R. M. Rosario, Mrs. E. H. Batalha, Miss E. L. Batalha and Mr. Jorge.

Floral Tributes.

Among the many floral tributes were the following:—"From your dear wife," "Henry," Messrs. E. J. Figueiredo, G. A. Osmund, J. S. Alves, "Your Loving Mother," Lydia and Jo, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Holdman, Mr. and Mrs. T. Hynes and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Castro, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ribeiro and family, Mr. A. A. R. Botelho, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. R. Rozario, Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Barreto, C. H. Graca and Mr. J. A. Graca, A. C. Botelho, F. X. Soares, Mr. J. Pestonji, Mr. A. E. Xavier, Mr. E. J. Brown, Mr. Noronha, the staff of the General Post Office, and the Money Order Department.

The "Straits Times" Bangkok correspondent telegraphs that it is reported that Mr. Y. Yatabe, till recently Consul-General at Tsing-tao, will be Japanese Minister to Siam.

Six cases of notifiable disease in the Colony were reported to the Medical Officer of Health on Tuesday. One was a Chinese with small-pox from the Shaikwan district. Another was a British with diphtheria from the Kowloon registration district. An Indian from Shaikwan had paratyphoid fever. There were three cases of enteric fever (typhoid), all from the city; two were Chinese, the other was an Italian arrival in the Colony who, because he is a non-resident, comes under the category of "imported" case.

Strand West and has already brought here quite an army of expert workmen for its spacious factory in the Mainland.

It will be interesting to know that one of the principal promoters of the Company is Mr. Lam Ching-fung a leading Chinese Merchant of Hong Kong who is held in respect and esteem by his countrymen and others alike for his manifold good qualities which are so rare in one, and even in his business dealings, his consideration for the welfare of others takes precedence of self which is fully illustrated by his aim in creating this Company which is to ensure to the majority of the public using fuel a saving in the cost of one of their daily necessities of life.

Yours, etc.,
PRO BONO PUBLICO.
Hong Kong, March 20, 1928.

LADY MOTORIST.

ALLEGEDLY INTOXICATED
WHILST DRIVING.

SUMMONS DISMISSED.

Mr. W. Schofield heard a case at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon in which Miss G. Gale of No. 53, Hollywood-road was summoned for driving a motor car whilst in an intoxicated condition on the Tai-po-road on the afternoon of February 29, and without calling upon the defence his Worship dismissed the summons.

Mr. D. H. Blake, who appeared for Miss Gale, secured the dismissal of the summons on a technicality when he successfully submitted that he had no case to answer as there was nothing to prove that Miss Gale had driven the car. He also suggested in cross-examination of the witnesses for the prosecution that Miss Gale's nervous condition was due to the accident and not to the influence of liquor.

Dr. I. Newton, Medical Officer of the Kowloon Hospital, deposed to seeing Miss Gale at the Police Station, and after talking to her for about half an hour he came to the conclusion that she was suffering from the effects of alcohol to such an extent that she was not in a fit condition to be in charge of a motor car. Although the witness could see a bruise on her left arm, Miss Gale assured him that she had not been injured and refused to be examined. She also objected to being taken to the hospital.

Smelled Strongly.
The doctor added in reply to Mr. Blake that Miss Gale was extremely thick in her speech and was exceedingly emotional. She took the witness by the arm and thanked him for offering to take her to hospital. She also thanked everybody else for their kindness. The witness also asserted that Miss Gale smelled strongly of alcohol.

Sub-Inspector Hoare deposed to going out to the junction of Nam-cheung-street and the Tai-po-road on the receipt of a report that there had been an accident. He found Miss Gale sitting in a motor car which had gone over the side of the road into a small pond. A Chinese woman was sitting next to the defendant. Miss Gale told him that she was not hurt and refused to go to the hospital. She also objected to going to the Shamshui Police Station. When asked how the accident had occurred, Miss Gale replied that she "hadn't the slightest idea." Other police officers later arrived and after some persuasion Miss Gale went to the Shamshui Police Station in Sergeant Baysting's side car.

Covered With Mud.

Sergeant Tyler, who said that he went out to the scene of the accident as the result of receiving a report from His Excellency the Governor's A.D.C., gave corroborative evidence. Miss Gale was at the wheel of a two-seater car, and an amah was sitting on the hood with her feet on the seat. Miss Gale was covered with mud and appeared to have been immersed in it. One of the wheels of the car was broken. When Miss Gale spoke to the witness her speech was not normal. At the Police Station Miss Gale was given some brandy after which she became steadier. She then had a bath and went to bed to await the arrival of clean clothes which had been sent for.

After other police officers had given evidence, Miss Blake made his submission, and following some discussion his Worship agreed with Mr. Blake and dismissed the summons.

MANSLAUGHTER.

JUNK STEERSMAN
CHARGED.

The defence was opened before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon in the case in which the steersman of a junk, who is defended by Mr. Leo d'Almada, Jun., is charged with the manslaughter of a boat girl who was killed when the junk collided with her father's fishing boat off Putoi Island, near Stanley, on February 19 last.

The accused, in the witness box, said that on the night of February 19 his junk and another went from Stanley to Tamkonshan to fish. As the sea was very heavy and there was a high wind, they did not fish at Tamkonshan, and both proceeded to Aberdeen. A man named Li Kwai was in charge of the tiller, and he (accused) took charge for only a few minutes whilst Li Kwai had his meal. The junk was not mixed up in any collision that night, and it was not until after they had put in at Aberdeen that he learned that there had been a collision and that he was accused of being responsible. The cross-board was broken by the bow of the junk was broken by the heavy seas. An adjournment was given until Thursday afternoon.

P'RAPS-P'RAPS NOT!

Policeman at Wood Green, of an errand boy accused of riding a box tricycle without a light: He said to me, "You will be made a sergeant for this." Magistrate to the boy: You must not promote the police like this. There 'n't be enough stripes to go round.

Doctor (to patient who claims to be a nervous wreck): "What are your symptoms?"

Patient: "I jump when I hear a telephone; the door bell sends me into hysterics. Any stranger coming to the house frightens me out of my life and I'm afraid to pick up a newspaper. Do you know what's wrong with me?"

Doctor: "Yes; my wife drives a car, too!"

"Ah don't ride on dem things," said the old American negro woman, looking at the merry-go-round. "Why, de other day Ah seen Rastus Johnson git on an' ride as much as a dollah's worth an' git off at de very same place he got on at, and Ah sez to him, 'Rastus, Ah sez, 'yo spent yo' money, but 'whah yo' been?'"

"How did you like the sample of my marrow jam I sent you?"
"Was that marrow jam? Oh, my dear, I'm so sorry! My husband is using it for sticking stamps in his album!"

"Why, Ella, you know that isn't right. I remember it perfectly. Don't you know it happened five instalments ago? Yes, sir, just five instalments after I kissed your ring upon your finger, Laura told us that she and Al were six instalments along on their new furniture. And now they are going to be divorced with only ten more instalments to meet. Well, as I said, they had their first quarrel just six instalments after our engagement. I remember it perfectly because it was the exact day of the third instalment on my car, the fifth instalment on my radio and the ninth instalment on my dog!"

"Poor old Miss Mayden came near getting herself into trouble last night. She started, according to her usual habit, to look under her bed—"

"Well?"

"Well, her bed at the time happened to be an upper berth in a sleeping car."

A merchant had advertised for a boy. A red-headed, red-faced boy applied for the job.

"Do you like work?" asked the merchant.

"No, sir," said the boy.

"Then you can have the job. You're the first boy who's been here to-day and hasn't told a lie."

"This is a punishment for our money-grabbing. If the flood overtakes America, what should you do, Mr. Ford?"

"Produce a cheap Ark for two persons!"

An unwise providence had guided Giles towards a fairly fashionable restaurant. He could not understand a word of French, but determined that he would not unnecessarily display his ignorance before the waiter, he pointed to an item, and said:

"I'll have some of that, please."

The waiter looked compassionate. "I'm sorry, sir," he said, gently, "but the band are playing that just at present!"

He: Your father is going to retire from business as soon as we are married, I understand? He must have a good deal of property. She: No, but he thinks you have.

Flapper: "What? You want to marry me? And you're twenty-five years old! None of that May and December stuff for me."

An impeccable tenant had not paid the rent of his room for several months. "Look here," said the landlord, "I'll meet you halfway. I am all ready to forget half of what you owe!" "Right," I'll meet you. I'll forget the other half!"

"By the way, Mrs. Popkins," remarked the parson, after service, "I was extremely sorry to see your husband leave the church in the middle of my sermon. I trust nothing was seriously the matter with him."

"Oh, no, sir," replied Mrs. Popkins. "It was nothing serious; but you see, sir, the poor man do 'ave a terrible 'abit o' walking in his sleep."

A little boy, after gazing some time in the window of a music shop, went in, and said, "Ow much is that piano in the corner?" After the shopkeeper had recovered from his shock, he answered, "Forty guineas, my boy." The urchin pulled a long face, and said, "Well, give me a ha'p'ny whistle, please."

LI CHAI-SUM.

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pedition and that Marshal Li Chai-sum has no intention of coming to Nanking; that the Kwangsi faction is simply maintaining the fiction of complete subordination to Nanking, while at the same time, they preserve what is tantamount to regional autonomy.

Different Complexion?

Although some time ago, it was announced that General Tan Yen-kai would act as chairman of the branch Political Council to be organized in Hankow, it is now a fact that position has been given to General Li Tsung-jen, the senior of the Kwangsi militaryists who is now on his way to Hankow to take up this post.

In other quarters it was suggested that Marshal Li Chai-sum will come to Nanking and inaugurate a period of keener political activity on the part of the Kwangsi leaders in Nationalist affairs in Nanking. Should Marshal Li and General Pei Chung-hsi come to Nanking, the present complexion of that Government would be somewhat altered.

NEW COMPLEXION.

General Tang Seng-chi to Join Nanking?

Naval wireless despatches from various points in North China throw considerable light on the possibility of war—or rather renewal of war—between the Nationalist allies and the Peking Government.

General Tang Seng-chi is reported to have arrived at Nanking, the Nationalist capital. He was the power in the former Hankow Government which threatened Nanking after Chiang Kai-shek's resignation last autumn. Subsequently he was crushed and took refuge in Japan.

Tang Seng-chi at Nanking.

There are rumours that Tang Seng-chi may throw in his lot with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and the present Nanking Government. His former armies are now in Hunan province, under Generals Ho Chien, Liu Hsing and Li Pin-sien. If he joins Nanking, his former subordinates may be sacrificed on the altar of political advance. These subordinates have been resisting, with little success, the Nanking units under General Pei Chung-hsi (of the Kwangsi faction) and General Cheng Chien who now share the power in Hunan and Hupeh.

There has been talk of Tang Seng-chi's former subordinates surrendering to General Pei Chung-hsi and General Cheng Chien and their commands being incorporated in the winning side. Meanwhile the Nationalist Government at Nanking continues to mobilise for action.

March on Grand Canal.

A number of junks have been commandeered at Chinkiang to transport Nationalist troops across the Yangtze River to the north bank. Chinkiang is about 160 miles from the Sea, and 45 miles below Nanking. From here, Nationalist units can be sent up the Grand Canal, northward to Shantung province, which is being defended by the Peking forces under Marshal Sun Chuan-fang. Operations by the Nationalists up the Grand Canal have been singularly successful in the past.

"Christian General" Defeated.

From Changti-ho, along the Chihli-Honan boundary, it is confirmed that there has been a serious reverse for the "Christian General" Feng Yu-hsiang, an ally of the Nanking Nationalists. Other messages have explained that two Generals who formerly served Wu Pei-fu expressed a desire to join Marshal Sun Chuan-fang. The latter stipulated an attack on the "Christian General" as the prelude to joining and these Generals have, apparently, carried out their part to advantage.

Hankow to Help?

General Pei Chung-hsi and General Cheng Chien are still concentrating men at Wuchang, the city on the south bank of the middle Yangtze, opposite Hankow (the southern terminus of the railway which runs through the "Christian General's" domains to Peking). Such concentration can be taken to indicate General Pei's and General Cheng's willingness to render assistance to the "Christian General" (because they are Nationalists and the "Christian General" is also fighting for the Nationalist cause).

A Chinese cable adds that one Nationalist division has been ordered to Sinyang, in the south of Honan, about 160 miles north of Hankow. This is further indication of the Hankow Nationalists' desire to move north.

Changteh Area.

The Naval wireless also says that if the Hankow Nationalists

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think, occupy a period of two years. Your Board are at present investigating this matter with a view to placing a concrete proposal before you for consideration—in which relation the question of location is a matter of paramount importance, especially having regard to the fact that our Hok Un property has so materially improved in value that it may be found expedient to concentrate elsewhere. Whilst on this subject, I deem it opportune to state that no scheme involving heavy capital outlay will be embarked upon without the consent of shareholders in general meeting having first been obtained.

Works Closed Down.

With regard to our Deep Water Bay Works, I regret to say that the results again show a heavy loss. Your Board gave a great deal of attention to these works during the year and, after careful consideration, it was decided in August last that the most prudent course to pursue was to close down. It was not possible, however, to shut down entirely until December 31, as we had contracted to supply Government requirements for the year 1927. So soon, however, as your Directors were able to reach a decision, notice was given to the superintendent and to one of his assistants, and charges reduced to a minimum commensurate with the maintenance of the installation in a condition rendering it capable of being operated again should conditions so warrant. Since the first of the current year, the works have been completely closed down, thus affecting a material saving; in this connection your Board have deemed it prudent to recommend the allocation to a Contingency Reserve out of the profits for the year 1927 of an amount of \$20,000, against the possible contingency of loss in the working for the current year on sales of such stocks as remain on hand.

The Accounts.

Turning to the accounts, you will notice we have transferred the sum of \$125,000 from the "Reserve for New Plant" to buildings and machinery at Hok Un, thus writing down the old plant there to \$46,299.55. We have also transferred from our Reserve Fund the sum of \$100,000 to buildings and machinery at Deep Water Bay, which now stand in our books at \$53,005.77. Our cash at the Bank at the end of last year amounted to \$287,000—but on the other hand I would point out that our stocks of raw materials have been considerably reduced.

Our investments are now reduced to \$564,656.82, as \$150,000 Hong Kong Government War Loan Bonds were drawn for re-payment during 1927.

The stock of limestone was again checked by independent surveyors towards the end of last year, and the result showed that our own estimate was still a conservative one. As our stock of stone was getting low, your Directors, at the end of last year, entered into contracts for a further supply from Indo-China for delivery spread over this year.

I do not think I have any further remarks to make, and I now therefore have pleasure in proposing that the Report and Accounts for the year ended December 31, 1927, as presented be adopted and that the appropriations recommended by your Board as above indicated be carried into effect, and when this has been seconded, I shall be pleased to endeavour to answer to the best of my ability any questions shareholders may wish to ask.

Other Business.

Mr. J. H. Taggart seconded and the report and accounts were unanimously adopted.

Confirmation of the appointment of Mr. J. H. Taggart to the Board of Directors and the re-election of Messrs. C. A. da Roza and Li Tsung-fong to the Board was approved on the proposition of Mr. Raymond seconded by Mr. Potts.

The re-election as auditors at a remuneration of \$750 each of Messrs. Linstead and Davis and Messrs. Love, Bingham and Matthews was approved on the proposition of Mr. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Croucher.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

decision on participation in the expedition against the North, the hostilities against the old armies of General Tang Seng-chi (who is now believed to be at Nanking) will cease. Ho Chien and the other old supporters of Tang Seng-chi will then have a respite and be in control of the Changteh area. Changteh is on the Yuan River, a tributary of the Yangtze, in the north-centre of Hunan province, about 250 miles west by south of Hankow.

SNAKE MYTHS.

SOME OLD TIME YARNS EXPLODED.

"EVER SINCE EDEN"

Snakes have been dreaded by human beings, says "The Missouri Game and Fish News" (Jefferson City, Mo.), ever since the historic incident in the Garden of Eden. This inherent fear of reptiles has served to foster many fantastic myths, especially in the minds of primitive people. It goes on: "Even those who should not be affected by such superstitious yarns have believed in hoop-snakes that roll with race-horse speed in pursuit of their victims, or 'stinger' snakes that spear their prey with a poisonous spikelike tail, cow-sucking snakes and like weird tales. It has long been known that these stories are mere myths with no foundation in fact. The U.S. Bureau of Biological Survey has also proved by actual tests that most of the time-honoured methods presumed to be effective in warding off reptiles are mere delusions. The Western cowboy long believed that a hair rope laid on the ground encircling his sleeping blankets would ward off prowling rattlers, but it has been proved that his snake-ship will actually crawl over such a barrier without hesitation. The use of certain plants as snake repellants, such as the mountain ash, the snake gourd, the horseshoe geranium, and others, and of certain other alleged repellants such as cayenne pepper, fresh slaked lime, powdered sulphur have been proved to be without any such merit. Snakes are also immune to many poisonous gases, such as phosgene, chlorine and tear chemicals. Mustard-gas does, however, blind rattlesnakes when introduced into their rock retreats."

BEBE DANIELS.

A CAPITAL NEW COMEDY FOR QUEEN'S

"The Campus Flirt" with Bebe Daniels as the leading player as advertised in this issue, is the picture coming to the Queen's Theatre on Sunday and Monday next. The story concerns itself with the activities of a college girl who "high hats" everyone failing to come up to her own ridiculous standard. The girl's subsequent treatment at the hands of her fellow students provides laughs galore. How she defeats the champion racer of the college; how she refuses to "walk home" from a boat ride, and any of a score of other amusing situations will keep the audience in a state of constant merriment. "The Campus Flirt," directed by Clarence Badger, sparkles with genuine college atmosphere, its track meet scenes having been photographed in the grounds of the University of California. El Brendel, James Hall, and other well known players do their share in making Miss Daniels' latest picture a great success.

A SOCIETY SCANDAL.

GLORIA SWANSON AT THE WORLD.

Gloria Swanson and Rod La Rocque feature in "A Society Scandal," the film which is being shown at the World Theatre. It is a story of passion without romance in high circles and will appeal to the many cinegoers who like strong fare. Gloria admirably and temptuously undertakes the part of a woman who was grievously wronged in the courts of law and who, in seeking revenge, finds a love which is real. The picture is remarkable for the splendid display of dresses worn by the female star. There is a capital Hal Roach comedy in the programme.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

Hui Lu-chung a hawker living at No. 110, Tai Shek-street, Shaikwan, has reported to the police that about 9 o'clock last night whilst he was walking along the Main Road, he was attacked by five highwaymen near the Ming Yuen Gardens. He was knocked down and kicked by one of the men, whilst another cut a leather belt which he was wearing. In a pocket attached to the belt was \$15 in notes, and this the robbers stole. They all escaped up the hillside.

A STUDENT INJURED.

A Chinese student named Lui Ming (18) was yesterday removed to the Government Civil Hospital from No. 7 Police Station where he was brought in from the Ellis Kadoorie School, in an unconscious condition. The boy was suffering from concussion due to striking his head violently when he fell down some stone steps whilst playing at the school.

A WOMAN RULER.

WHY PRINCE CAROL DOES NOT RETURN.

QUESTION OF DIVORCE.

Vienna.—The question of a divorce between Princess Helen and her husband, Prince Carol, is now a burning one in Rumanian politics. That is one of the conclusions to be drawn from the reluctant answers given by Prince Carol's mystery emissary, M. Mircea, to questions put to him recently. The late M. Bratianu for years sought to sever this final tie between the Prince whom he hated, and Rumania, but Princess Helen refused to discuss the question. Now it seems to be thought that Mme. Lupescu the Prince's favourite companion, is exerting every ounce of her great influence over him to persuade him to sever the tie.

His friends, who are growing impatient with his inaction in the matter of his return to Rumania, fear that he will yield to Mme. Lupescu, and thereby lose the sympathies of three-quarters of his friends in Rumania, including the powerful Peasant Party.

I asked M. Mircea directly, "Do you believe Prince Carol will return to Rumania?" and received the significant reply, "Only the Prince himself can answer, for he alone knows if he really wants to return."

"Right Reserved."

"But has not the Prince declared that he is ready to return?" I asked.

"The Prince merely announced that he reserved his right to do so. None of his actions so far has shown any intention of claiming these rights."

"I have good reason to believe that Mme. Lupescu has deterred Prince Carol from taking any action to return," I said. "Is this true?"

"I cannot tell you," M. Mircea replied. "I want to put a direct question to one who is intimate with the Prince and with Mme. Lupescu," I said, "Is it true that Mme. Lupescu has restrained Prince Carol from returning because she was in the pay of the late M. Jonel Bratianu?"

Again M. Mircea evaded a direct denial. "I cannot believe this," he said. "Neither M. Bratianu nor any one else in the world could have found sufficient money to pay any one to do so much to aid his plans as Mme. Lupescu did."

Question of Divorce.

This reply—naturally tantamount to admitting that Prince Carol's inertia is due entirely to the determination with which Mme. Lupescu has refused to allow him to return, and coming from the Prince's confidential man—was extremely interesting.

I challenged M. Mircea on the subject of reports concerning a move in Bucharest to arrange a divorce between Princess Helen and Prince Carol. He replied: "I am sure Princess Helen will never seek to divorce Prince Carol, and he is too far-sighted not to realize that if he began an action for divorce he would lose the sympathies of three-quarters of his Rumanian supporters."

That closed the conversation, but I had learned enough, in spite of his evasiveness, to justify me in drawing the conclusions set out above—"Daily Express" Correspondent.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

North Wall, Cornflower, Magnolia and Sirdar; East Wall, Gunboats and Subs.; North Arm, Iroquois, Belgol and Bruce; West Wall Dock, Somme, Stormcloud and Kharid; In Dock, Serapis, Petersfield and Marazion; Buoy 5, Cumberland; Buoy 6, Hermes; Buoy 7, Titania; Buoy 8, Ambrose and Subs.; Buoy 18, Ruthenia; Buoy 20, Thracian and Sepoy; Buoy 23, Sterling; Kowloon Anchorage, Franco; Foreign men-of-war, U.S.S. Ashville and U.S.S. Sacramento and Portuguese, Patria and Pero de Alenquer.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The P. & O. s.s. "Karmala" left Shanghai for this port yesterday at 3.30 p.m., with the Mails, and is due here on March 23 at about 7 a.m.

The B.I. s.s. "Takada" left Singapore for this port on March 19 p.m., and is due here on March 25 p.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" left Vancouver for Hong Kong, via Japan ports, and Shanghai, on March 17 and is due here on April 5.

The D. & Co. M.V. "Teledo" sailed from New York on February 13 and is due here on April 12.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

Consignees of Cargo ex s.s. "City of Dunkirk" are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after March 27.

Consignees of Cargo ex s.s. "Benavon" are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after March 28.

EVENING PAPERS.

BETTER ADVERTISING MEDIUM.

EXPERT'S VIEWS.

Manila, March 17.

A booster of the evening paper arrived to-day on the cruise steamer "Caledonia" in the person of Professor Willard G. Bleyer, head of the school of journalism of the University of Wisconsin.

The professor is accompanied by Mrs. Bleyer.

"The evening paper is gradually supplanting the morning paper for the simple reason that the evening paper is a better advertising medium," Professor Bleyer said.

In America, he said, the tendency is to publish more evening papers and less morning papers. Asked why he thinks the evening paper is a better advertising medium than the paper published in the morning, Professor Bleyer said:

"The reason is obvious. The housewife, who admittedly does most of the buying, has time to read the evening paper. After the dishes have been washed and the children are put to bed, she sits down to read. The ads get her that way."

"The evening paper is not read in a hurry. It generally has to compete with the theatres, the automobile and the game of keeping the family at home. Consequently it contains more of the light stuff that is not found in the morning paper."

NOTICE.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO., LIMITED.

THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Company's Offices, P. & O. Building, on MONDAY, the 2nd of April, 1928, at 11 a.m.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 29th of March to 2nd of April, both days inclusive.

DOUGLAS LARPAIK & CO., General Managers. Hong Kong, March 21, 1928.

CONSIGNEES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

"ELLERMAN" LINE.

From EUROPE.

THE Steamship

"CITY OF DUNKIRK" having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of Holt's Wharf, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 27th March, 1928, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Under-Signed on or before 3rd April, 1928, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays or Fridays, between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon, within the Free Storage period of One Week.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

THE BANK LINE, LTD., General Agents. Hong Kong, 21st March, 1928.

THE BEN LINE STEAMERS, LTD.

From LEITH, MIDDLESBRO, ANTWERP, LONDON & STRAITS.

THE Steamship

"BENAVON"

Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of The Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence, and/or from the wharves, delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 28th inst., will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Under-Signed on or before the 11th April, 1928, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 27th inst., at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas. N. Fire Insurance has been effected.

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A sum of \$47,941.62 has been
subscribed for the Shanghai
Special Crime Suppression fund so
far.

Two aeroplanes were shipped to
Hsuehchow from Shanghai last
week, and later 150 Ningpo
artillerymen entrained for the same
destination.

Mr. A. Knowles, of Messrs.
Duncan & Co., and a Captain in
the Shanghai Scottish, S. V. C.
has returned to Shanghai from a
three months' visit to America.

The comrade of the s.s.
"Klangwah," who was arrested, to-
gether with six waiters, by the
Anti-Opium Bureau, after the latter
got the worst of it in a battle with
opium smugglers, still is in custody.

Local Japanese papers have it
that the third Osaka-Shanghai
fight will be made this month, the
aviators leaving Japan on March
26, returning from Shanghai on
March 29.

Miss Mabel Reeve Strenfield, of
Shanghai and formerly a Kobe re-
sident, has been married to Mr.
William A. Rawnsley at the British
Consulate-General in Kobe. Mr.
Rawnsley is connected with Cooper
and Co., Ltd., Kobe.



Mustafa Kemal, President of
Turkey, who plans, it is rumored
to balance his country's budget by
selling the tremendously valuable
jewels of the ancient sultans.
Emeralds as big as eggs rubies the
size of chestnuts and 200 carat
diamonds are some of these treas-
ures. All pawnshops in the world
have refused, but Kemal believes
he will be able to sell the gems
outright in Paris.

According to the "Sinwanpao,"
the British Municipal Council in
Tientsin has decided to reform its
election system, to permit of Chi-
nese representation. Qualified Chi-
nese ratepayers have been asked to
send in their names to the Council
at once.

H.M.S. "Argus" sailed for Home
yesterday and was given a send-off
by other naval vessels in the
harbour which flew farewell mes-
sages at the mast-heads, crews lin-
ing the fore-castle to give a parting
cheer. She was accompanied by
submarines which it is understood
were to carry out "dummy" opera-
tions against her.

The death is reported of Bro.
Robert Miller, of Dundee, reputed
to have been the oldest Freemason
in the country. He had reached
the ripe old age of 92 years, and
had spent all his life in Dundee.
In Lodge Ancient No. 49, in that
city he was initiated at the age of
21 years, so that he had been a
member of the craft for 71 years
at the time of his death. In this
respect he was believed to hold the
record.

On a certain officer of H. M.
Navy, who anticipates being able
to sail from Shanghai, is laid
the penalty for the following
explanation of the difference between a Welshman
and a Scotsman:—The Welshman
prays on his knees on the Sabbath
and on his neighbours on every other day of the week, whilst
a Scotsman keeps the Sabbath and
everything else on which he can
lay his hands.

The Chinese Charge d'Affaires
in Moscow is reported by the
vernacular papers to have informed
the Peking Government that the
Soviet Government has requested
the immediate release of the fifteen
Russians who were arrested during
the raid on the Soviet Embassy a
year ago by Marshal Chang Tso-
lin. Soviet Russia, he says, is
prepared to be friendly with the
Chinese Government and to send
another ambassador to Peking in
the event of the request being
granted. Peking, however, is of
the opinion that the time is not
yet ripe to re-open negotiations
with Soviet Russia.

Mr. E. R. Hill, of Dodwell & Co.
in Kobe, has sailed for England on
furlough.

A. L. Craig-Jeffreys, R.N., of
H.M.S. "Hawkins," has left for
England on furlough.

An announcement by the liquidators
of the Hong Kong Development
Building & Savings Society, Ltd.,
appears on page 3 of this issue.

An Anglo-German convention for
facilitating judicial procedure has
been signed in London by Sir
Austin Chamberlain and the Ger-
man Ambassador. The Convention
is subject to ratification.—British
Wireless Service.

The marriage of Mr. Percy
Shaw, of the B.A.T., son of Mr.
and Mrs. John Shaw, of Wallasey,
Cheshire, England, to Mrs. Hen-
rietta Claire Chaney, daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. H. Stainfield, of
Hong Kong, took place at the British
Consulate-General in Shanghai on
Saturday.

Mr. Gastonien of the New En-
gineering Works, was the com-
plainant in the Shanghai Provi-
sional Court last week when a
Chinese was charged with the
stealing of a quantity of iron from
the works. The complainant stated
that the firm lost between
2,000 and 3,000 each year
through similar thefts. The accus-
ed was sentenced to four months'
imprisonment.

Yesterday a Chinese who was
alleged to have had many previous
convictions was committed by Mr.
W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magis-
tracy for trial at the next Criminal
Sessions on a charge of theft of a
Steam gauge worth \$75, the prop-
erty of the Hong Kong Excavation,
Pile Driving and Construction Co.
According to a Chinese detective
attached to the Yau-mai Police
Station, he observed the accused in
Yau-mai disposing of a parcel to a
marine hawk. The witness stop-
ped the accused, and on opening the
parcel found the steam gauge in-
side. Following a statement the
accused made at the police station,
the gauge was taken to the Com-
pany where it was identified as
their property.

At the Kowloon Magistracy yes-
terday, Mr. W. Schofield took a
serious view of a case in which a
Chinese woman was charged with
receiving from her 6-year-old
nephew a silver jug and a clock
without making inquiries as to their
origin. The small boy who was the
youngest defendant ever to appear
in Court, was charged with the
agency of the property, or alter-
nately receiving stolen property.
Having regard to the child's youth
the Magistrate discharged him with
a caution. The woman who admit-
ted that she had been given the
property by her nephew, and that
she had pawned them was sentenced
to three months' hard labour. His
Workshop also reprimanded the pawn
broker for accepting the things
from a woman of the accused's
position.

Miss Shin Tak-hing, General
Secretary of the Chinese Y.W.C.A.
in Hong Kong left yesterday on the
"Taiyo Maru" to attend the bi-
ennial convention of the American
Y.W.C.A. Miss Shin has been ap-
pointed by the Chinese Y.W.C.A.
National Committee in Shanghai to
represent the Y.W.C.A. of China.
At each of several preceding con-
ventions, China has been represent-
ed, in 1924 by Mrs. H. C. Mei
(chairman of the National Com-
mittee) and in 1926 by Miss Ting
Shu-ching (National General Sec-
retary). The convention will be held
this year in Sacramento, California,
April 14 to 20. There will be
between two and three thousand
delegates, including representatives
of the various city and student
associations in the United States
and fraternal delegates from other
countries. Miss Maude Royden of
London will be the principal speaker
at the convention.

At yesterday's meeting of the
Sanitary Board, the President, Mr.
W. J. Carrie, referring to the ques-
tions on local malarial problems
given notice of by Dr. W. V. M.
Koch, said that he had consulted
Dr. Koch who agreed to the ques-
tions being held over until the next
meeting of the Board. The Presi-
dent indicated that he had had to
refer to the Public Works Depart-
ment to get figures for the last
three years, as asked for, of anti-
malarial work such as nullah-train-
ing, swamp reclamation, etc. He
could answer the other questions
but he thought it was better to treat
them as a whole. (The other ques-
tions were as to malaria cases
reported during the last three years
and the possibility of undertaking
a campaign of instruction by lec-
tures and demonstrations). Those
present at the meeting, in addition
to the President, were Dr. S. W.
Tao; Dr. W. V. M. Koch, Dr. S. C.
Ho, Dr. E. W. Pope, Mr. J. P.
Bragg, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin and
Mr. J. Watson (Secretary).

The "Pinang Gazette" reports
that the Hon. Mr. P. K. Nambiar
has been confined to bed with an
attack of apoplexy.

Captain T. E. Betts, American
Language Officer in Peking, has
left for Shanghai, to join his wife,
and after a short stay here will sail
for Europe.

Mr. Goldschmidt is returning to
Shanghai from Tientsin to take over
the management of Messrs. Ullmann
during the absence of Mr. Blum,
who will leave shortly for Europe.

Work has begun on the construc-
tion of the new roadway to link up
Lunghua with Chapel. The new
highway has been named after Dr.
Sun Yat-sen and will be known as
the Chungshan-road.

According to Russian papers,
some of the banks in Harbin are
faced with bankruptcy owing to the
manipulations in Harbin dollars,
and therefore are transferring
their cash to foreign banks.

The Ministry of Finance in Nan-
king, according to the Chinese
papers, has instructed the directors
of the mints in Shanghai, Nanking,
and Hangchow to submit reports
on coins, so that efforts may be
made to standardize them.



Princess Ingrid Victoria Sophia
Louise Margareta, daughter of the
Crown Prince and Princess of
Sweden, who is reported betrothed
to Crown Prince Frederick of Den-
mark.

Lt. G. D. Taylor has been ap-
pointed Acting Captain in the
Straits Settlement Volunteer Force
whilst second in command of the
Province Wellesley Volunteer In-
fantry. The resignation of his
commission in the S.S.V.F. Reserve
of Officers by Lt. G. S. Carver, V.D.,
has been accepted.

The Shanghai Bureau of Finance
and Public Utilities are reported
by the vernacular press to be con-
sidering the question of limiting the
number of public richas plying
in Chinese territory. They were
asked recently, by the richas coolies
Association to limit the number to
2,000 and to do away with old and
dangerous vehicles and to forbid
youths and old men to pull richas.

Because he was unable to stand
any longer the severe headaches
which followed a nervous break-
down, Harold H. Kirkpatrick, a
salesman, ended his life by jump-
ing from the seventh floor of the
Hotel Vanderbilt, New York. His
body struck the roadway, narrow-
ly missing a group of pedestrians
on the side-walk. He was dead
when picked up.

Evidence was produced at the
inquest on G. A. Nechvidoff at the
Provisional Court, Shanghai, to
show that the deceased had taken
his own life following the rejection
of an offer of marriage to a
Russian girl living in the French
Concession. The deceased was em-
ployed as a Russian bodyguard to
a Chinese in Jessfield-road and
was found dead in his bed in the
quarters provided by his employ-
er. Letters were produced to show
that the deceased intended taking
his own life and death had been
caused by a bullet from his own
gun.

The Shanghai richas coolie who
startled blase residents by appear-
ing on the streets garbed in a
frock coat and a derby hat, no
longer is the proud possessor of
either the coat or the hat. An
alert Chinese constable, whose
curiosity was aroused by a costume
unheard of in the history of richas
coolies, questioned the man. The
coolie stoutly maintained that he
had "borrowed" the coat and hat
from the constable and insisted on
proof. The coolie was partly right.
He had "borrowed" the wearing ap-
parel—but without consent of the owner. The
coolie was not arrested, the for-
eign owner of the hat and coat, re-
fusing to prosecute.

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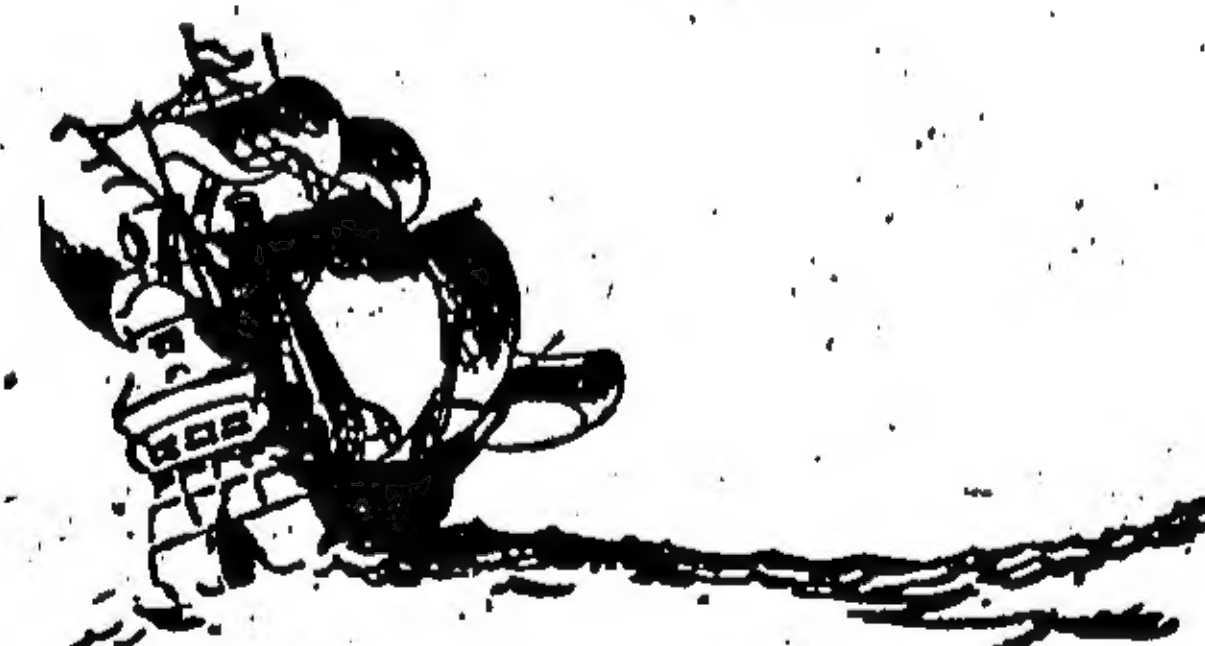
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Sport Columns

HOME FOOTBALL.

DIVISION III, NORTHERN SECTION.

DRAW AT NELSON.

London, Yesterday.
The following match was played to-day in Division III (Northern section) of the Football League:—
Nelson 1, Southport 1.

—Reuter.

The table now stands at:—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Bradford	32	21	0	3	86	32	53
Doncaster	32	19	5	8	88	34	49
Stockport	31	17	6	8	82	30	40
Tranmere	31	16	7	8	70	30	39
Barlingdon	31	17	4	10	70	44	38
Bradford C.	31	14	10	9	72	51	38
Lincoln	31	17	4	11	68	59	38
Southport	31	17	4	12	57	52	38
Accrington	31	14	8	11	63	54	38
Wrexham	31	16	5	13	50	51	35
Halifax	31	11	10	10	62	53	33
Bochdale	31	15	1	15	61	61	31
New Brighton	31	11	8	12	61	45	30
Rotherham	31	11	8	14	55	54	30
Hartlepool	31	12	6	14	58	70	29
Chesterfield	31	10	8	13	57	66	28
Crewe	31	9	7	16	62	71	25
Ashington	31	8	7	16	53	87	23
Nelson	31	7	4	19	59	97	22
Wigan	31	7	7	17	41	77	21
Burnham	31	6	6	20	41	80	21
Bury	31	7	7	19	39	91	21

STOP TICKLING.

'SEQUEL TO A RUGBY INCIDENT.'

FORWARD SUSPENDED.

Moreno, the giant forward in the French International XV has been what we call "suspended," or as the French have it: "placé sur le Tableau Noir," et suspendu deux dimanches pour brutalité. It appears that during the France-Warwicks match played on January 20 Moreno "made to twist the necks" of several harmless and law-abiding New Zealanders, thereby "calling down upon his own mighty head the wrath, first of all, of the referee, and later, of the authorities of the Fédération Française de Rugby who have thought it best to deprive him of making to twist any more offending necks until two Sundays have elapsed and his wrath shall have abated somewhat.

Little Sympathy.

One can have but little sympathy with a Rugby player who either by a momentary loss of temper or out of sheer blackguardism transforms the sweet gentility of a great Rugby struggle into the coarse brutality of a dog-fight. "But apparently in the case of the recent ill conduct of Moreno there were extenuating circumstances, at least, so a writer signing himself Thoun Azo tells us in a recent of "L'Auto." "Impossible would it be," writes Thoun Azo, "to imagine for oneself a physiognomy more fear-producing than that of Moreno."

Pen Picture.

Then follows a pen-picture of this terrible face which would make many a strong man shudder. Here it is:—"An enormous head, crowned with a thick hide, eyes piercing, shining, which focus themselves upon their prey under bushy nostrils; a jaw set like cement, and several hundred kilos of hardened muscle, are calculated to perturb the assurance of the most ferocious and most steadfast of the eight hostile ones. And yet this infant of Castelnau-Magnoac is not really of an evil disposition, but merely a bit ticklish." Thus this apparent brutality is largely a matter of ticklishness, and in future those eight hostile ones who have the ill-luck to meet this infant of Castelnau-Magnoac in the scrum will be careful firstly, to avoid the "malediction" of his face and secondly to refrain from tickling him lest their necks should be made to twist.

Not the Ordinary Sort.

Apparently the ticklishness of Moreno is not of that ordinary sort that is apt to reduce its victim to a state of utter and giggling helplessness. On the contrary once this terrible infant of Castelnau-Magnoac is thoroughly tickled his strength becomes as the strength of ten, and his grip enough to dislocate the stiffest of necks. More is what Thoun Azo has to say of his behaviour when once thoroughly tickled—"It is enough for him to put on the blue jersey of France in international matches when the cock of France risks his feathers." That does not mean much; but listen to the next effort:—"Then a modern Laocoon Moreno fighting like a lost soul to shake off his enemies who cling to his loins, or are entangled in his legs, suffers, toils, stamps his feet, kicks out right and left, swears, grinds his teeth, and with face twisted in agony, enjoys perfect happiness."

Finds Spare Time.

If Moreno really does all these things at once, and also finds spare time enough in which to make to twist the sturdy necks of his ticklers, then his appearance on the Tableau Noir for only two Sabbaths seems but a poor reward for his unseemly versatility. And what won-

LAWN TENNIS.

ANNUAL TOURNAMENT AT H.K.C.C.

YESTERDAY'S GAMES.

Three interesting matches in the open doubles championship of the Hong Kong Cricket Club annual lawn tennis tournament were played yesterday.

That in which Henderson and Brenley met Sajiki and Isomura went to the fifth set and had to be abandoned on account of darkness. This match will be re-played.

In another match, Ng Sze-kwong (a former singles champion) and Ng Sze-cheung (who has played at Wimbledon as S. C. Wu) defeated their Chinese Recreation Club Colleagues, Ho Ka-lau (who has represented China in the Far East Olympiad) and Yew Man-kit. This also went to five sets. The losers took the first two and led by 4 games to 3 in the third when the Ng brothers recovered. Ho and Yew then lost their form and were defeated comfortably in the last two sets.

Major Stevenson and Major Lucas smashed to good advantage against A. A. Rumjahn and Lim, the 'Varsity youngsters, and won in straight sets.

Yesterday's Results.

Open Doubles: Ng Sze-kwong and Ng Sze-cheung beat Ho Ka-lau and Yew Man-kit 4-6, 2-6, 6-4, 6-3, 6-3; Major R. H. Lucas and Major W. B. Stevenson beat Lim Peng-chin and A. A. Rumjahn 6-4, 6-2, 6-3.

Club Championship Singles: G. W. Sewell beat G. Miskin 6-0, 6-4, 6-0; C. Grove beat C. C. Stark 6-3, 6-0; E. D. Lawrence beat A. H. Crook 7-5, 8-6.

Handicap Singles: "A": R. K. Valentine (rec. 5/6) beat J. G. Lawrie (owe 3/6) 2-6, 6-4, 8-6. Handicap Doubles: S. E. Green and D. S. Green (owe 15) beat C. L. C. Sandes and H. Graves (rec. 5/6) 6-3, 7-5.

To-day's Matches.

Open Singles: Ng Sze-kwong v. T. Akiyama.

Open Doubles: Luk King-cheung and Luk Ding-cheung v. Lee Wat-lan and Lee Woon-toi; V. M. Trehear and J. B. Kealy v. S. A. Hussain and S. S. Hussain; Dr. I. Newton and Dr. D. J. Valentine v. E. de Sousa and A. V. Remedios; Surg. Lt.-Col. Hurst and Dr. J. R. Craig v. T. Fujieda and Y. Hachiuma.

Handicap Singles: "B": C. H. Bradley (owe 1/6) v. H. C. Macnamara (rec. 15); J. Wilkie (rec. 5/6) v. H. Graves (rec. 3/6).

Mixed Doubles: Mrs. W. Woodward and C. W. E. Bishop (rec. 2/6) v. Miss Copplin and A. G. Copplin (rec. 15/4); Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Sayer (rec. 3/6) v. Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Valentine (rec. 2/6).

KOWLOON GOLF CLUB.

COMMITTEE'S REPORT FOR LAST YEAR.

The annual report of the Kowloon Golf Club for last year has just been circulated to members. The report states:—

The membership of the Club at December 31, 1927, was as follows:—honorary member, 1; resident members 122; resident members (absent) 17; sea-going members 13; sea-going members (absent) 3; subscribing members 8; total 165. In addition 14 ladies are registered as being granted the use of the course and club house.

The following members served on the General Committee during the year under review:—Mr. E. Cock (President), Mr. V. G. Labrum (Vice-President), Mr. J. D. Thomson (Captain), Mr. E. W. Alltree (Hon. Treasurer), Mr. J. O. McLaggan (Hon. Secretary), Messrs. I. B. Trevor, J. C. Long, S. J. Jordan, A. W. Roberts, W. Paterson.

The championship was won by Mr. F. E. dos Remedios; runner-up, Mr. J. D. Thomson.

The working account for the year shows a balance of \$1,561.46.

The following will represent the Chinese Recreation Club in a friendly cricket match against the Hong Kong Bank, Messrs. Jardine's and Messrs. B. & S. (Wayfoong, Ewo and Takoo) at Causeway Bay on Saturday:—Ng Sze-kwong, H. Ching, W. Hung, H. C. Hung, Tsui Wai-pui, K. L. Chau, C. Choa, T. E. Yeoh, J. L. Youngsaye, K. W. Kwan, C. E. Wong. Reserve: A. Hung; Empire: J. Hung; Scorers: D. Hung.

ders the sport Britannic is working on the youth Gallic if it can transform in a few short years a mere infant of Castelnau-Magnoac into a veritable Laocoon able to make to twist the stiffest of necks of the hardest of New Zealanders. Finally one may well ask oneself the question:—What will these infants of Castelnau-Magnoac do if ever they are really roused?—Ex-

FOXES GALORE.

FANLING HUNT'S LATEST VENTURE.

CHINESE SIDE OF DEEP BAY.

An event of more than ordinary interest in the annals of the Fanling Hunt came off at the week-end in a long projected visit of some of the hounds to good hunting country known to old time shooting men to exist across the frontier to the north of Deep Bay. This, the first ride from Hong Kong into Chinese territory, was made with the approval of the British authorities and on the permission of the Provincial Government at Canton which went to the length of notifying the border villages.

By the kindness of the Commissioner of Chinese Maritime Customs, Lt.-Col. F. Hayley Bell, and frontier officers, mounts, having been led across the Shamshun frontier where the Kowloon-Canton Railway bridge had been specially prepared by the Railway authorities to permit the ponies to pass over, were led by guides in a long caravan for a distance of some twenty miles to the Customs station at Kwai-miao, near Namtau-hsien (headquarters of the Po On district).

A Cheery Evening.

Here the ponies were billeted for the two nights they were away from their stables at Fanling. On Saturday evening, after the races at Happy Valley, the Hunt members, with five and a half couple hounds, embarked in launches at Kowloon and proceeded to Wan Ha on the further side of Deep Bay where they lay for the night.

A cheery evening was spent here in the best of circumstances—weather and otherwise. Among those who turned out were the Joint Masters, Mr. H. Birkett and Dr. F. Pierce-Grove, Mr. Miller of the Scots Guards who has hunted the pack this season very successfully, Messrs. Barne, Erskine and A. Drummond-Moray, (Scots Guards), Messrs. Morgan and Elliott (The Queen's), Lt.-Col. F. Hayley Bell, Messrs. M. M. Watson, M. M. Maas, A. H. Potts, R.N.

Excellent Grass Country.

An early landing was made on Sunday morning, the hounds being ferried on shore in a native sampan; a fine picture of excitement.

The riders following in the ships' gigs to the beach where the ponies were already assembled, surrounded by a crowd of fascinated country folk who received the foreign strangers with perfect friendliness. "How much do they get for this?" one old gentleman was heard to ask a kennelman later on in the day when the Hunt returned tired and dusty from their run. "What? only a drink? I wouldn't do it for that!"

The first cast was made over the hill of Wan Ha, a steep rise of about two hundred feet. Nothing was found here and the Hunt went away across excellent grass country that runs for miles behind Deep Bay and up towards the Canton River-mouth.

Lichée Orchards.

It was a pity that a find could not have been vouchsafed under such glorious gulling conditions! But after about an hour drawing various copes and lichée orchards the hounds suddenly commenced running towards the high iron-bound range of mountains which borders the sea.

Before the whips could prevent it Chimer, Glory and Warlike were well up the steep rocks, followed with a chorus of music by the remainder of the pack.

Here, several hundred feet up, and in country impossible for even the surefooted of ponies, they remained for the next three hours; now in plain view from below and going hard, a chorus of yelps after a fox; anon lost again in the mist that from time to time poured down the valleys.

Foxes, it was found, were so plentiful that the hounds broke up completely, each going "all-out" for the nearest!

Mr. Alec Potts swears to having seen at least nine foxes. Others claim that there were many more than that. One of the whips saw two sitting within a hundred feet of him and not in the least put out by the excitement going on around!

To Be Tackled Again?

It was a morning of extreme exertion for some of the Hunt. For others, lucky horseholders at the bottom, it was more uneventful.

By great good fortune and the untiring exertions of the Hunt staff, all the hounds were finally located and called off about 2 o'clock without loss of one. This, considering the ground was quite strange to the pack and foxes galore all around them, was a good piece of work.

The whole party returned to the launches by three o'clock and reached Hong Kong again before six after a wonderful day.

This country ought to be tackled again and should be given, say, two or three days at China New Year so that it can be learned properly and a run obtained, whether after fox or by way of point-to-point, on the really excellent open moorland there. Contributed.

BILLIARDS.

HONG KONG MAN WINS EASILY.

C. F. VAS v. A. A. SILVA.

In the Shanghai-Hong Kong billiards contest at the Lusitano Club last night, C. F. Vas, of Hong Kong, beat A. A. Silva, of Shanghai, by 500 to 285. The Hong Kong man was always well in the lead and his breaks, although not large, were consistently moderate. The players went to the table 75 times, and the average of play was as follows:—Vas 6.53; Silva, 3.95.

The highest breaks were:—Vas; 24, 28, 28, 21, 24, 45; and Silva; 21.

Exhibition Game.

In an exhibition game played later in the evening between Mr. A. J. Osmund, the well-known local player and Mr. E. Bush, of Shanghai, Osmund won by 750 to 507. It was an interesting game with the standard of play at a high level. Osmund's highest breaks were 99 and 98 and Bush's 55 and 49.

AMATEUR BILLIARDS.

VETERAN A. W. T. GOOD BEATEN BY A. WARDLE.

YOUNGSTER FROM MANCHESTER.

A. Wardle, of Manchester, won the Amateur Championship at Thurston's Hall, Leicester Square, on Saturday, February 11, says "The Times," when he beat A. W. T. Good, the London player, in the final heat by 811 points. Wardle, who is 27 years of age, was born near Manchester, and has played nearly all his games in that district. He was making his first appearance in the championship and equalled the achievement of Major H. L. Fleming, who won the event at the first attempt.

There is no doubt that Wardle was the best all-round player in the competition. He is a self-taught player, but he has learnt the game well. On the form he displayed throughout the competition, he is entitled to be regarded as the most accomplished all-round exponent of the game who has taken part in an Amateur Championship. Although he plays considerably what is known as the red-ball game, he does not specialise in it, and is quite a sound exponent of other phases, of which the top-of-the-table game is one of the chief scoring methods.

When the final day's play was begun, Wardle was leading by 293, and he made practically certain of the result in the afternoon, when he increased his lead to 515. Wardle did not make a very good start, but he improved, and scored 501, for an average of 23, while Good made 279, for an average of 13. In the early part of the play, Wardle increased a run of 15 (unfinished) to 24, but his best breaks for some time afterwards were 20 and 44. Good, in the meantime, made runs of 65 and 60, but Wardle played in quite his best form afterwards. During one period, Wardle scored 356 points while his opponent was making five successive breaks of 23, 94, 45, 69, and 39 (twice) placing him in a very strong position. Wardle played the red ball game to a considerable extent in these breaks, making runs of 69 and 45 (twice) by this means. In spite of his big handicap, Good played most pluckily, and he had the satisfaction of making a very good all-round break of 107 before Wardle reached his points with a run of 21 (unfinished).

The scores at the interval were:—A. Wardle (in play) 2, 501; A. W. T. Good, 1,985.

Wardle showed very good form during the final session, scoring his necessary 499 points for an average of 28, while Good made 203, for an average of 12. Wardle started well by increasing his unfinished run to 99, which he followed with a run of 44. Good made runs of 34, 49, and 90 at intervals, but his opponent took no risks and adopted safety tactics whenever necessary. Good did little more, but Wardle made breaks of 40, 61, 55, and 56 at successive visits, and he finished splendidly by reaching game with a break of 100.

The final scores were:—A. Wardle (Manchester), 3,000; A. W. T. Good (London), 2,189.

The cup was presented to the winner by the Rt. Hon. H. J. Tennant, who commented on the great advance in the quality of the play, and remarked that, if properly utilized by young players, the pastime would exercise an uplifting influence in their leisure hours.

The following have been selected to represent the Indian Recreation Club "B" in a league cricket match against the Chinese Recreation Club, on the I.R.C. ground, on Sunday, at 2 p.m. sharp:—M. P. Madar (captain), R. Nazarin, Sirdar Khan, A. S. Sufiad, D. Mohamed, I. Hassan, A. M. Ramjahn, A. K. Ismail, A. Rahmin, A. Butt, U. T. Thad, Reserves: A. R. Sufiad, M. R. Abbas.

FATAL BITE.

DEATH OF A SHANGHAI CHILD.

A MAD DOG.

Shanghai, March 15.
There will be general sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ferris in the loss of their little son, Roger Owen, aged 5 years and 10 months, who died yesterday in the Isolation Hospital from hydrophobia, the result of a bite by a mad dog. Hydrophobia alone is sufficiently terrifying to contemplate, but in this case the tragedy is the more sad by reason of the fact that Mr. Ferris is so well-known amongst sportsmen, with a passion for anything in the sporting line. The circumstances of the case, too, are particularly sad, for there was every reason to believe that nothing serious would result from the accident.

Little Roger, as previously reported, was playing with other children in Hongkew Park, on February 23, when a work who had managed to get through the park fencing charged into the group, snapped at Mr. Ferris's son and bit him on the left eyelid. Subsequent examination revealed other wounds—five in all—on his hand and elsewhere, though it is not known whether these were bites or scratches. It is understood that two Japanese children also were bitten by the same dog. Inspector Mackintosh and other policemen who were near promptly despatched the dog, who subsequently on a veterinary examination, was certified to be suffering from rabies.

With commendable promptitude, the little boy was hurried off and given the Pasteur treatment, and it was confidently believed that he was out of danger, even when the dog's condition was made known. For a fortnight, the little patient progressed most favourably, but then he became peevish, complications were noticed and he was sent to the Country Hospital. There his symptoms became so alarming that he was removed to the observation ward of the Isolation Hospital, where he received every attention and, as the doctors said, for one so young, he made a wonderful fight, even when there seemed to be no further hope, but he died at 1.30 p.m. yesterday. The medical profession took a special interest in the case, no fewer than ten doctors giving the benefit of their experience and resorting to every known treatment to the limit the little body could stand.

Young Roger was a bright and attractive little fellow, of a very cheery nature and quite a character in his way, with a peculiar natural gift for whistling any tune after hearing it once or twice.

PASSENGER LIST.

DEPARTURES.

First-class passengers from Hong Kong, sailed on the Dollar Line "President Lincoln" for Manila on March 20 were:—

Miss L. Patten, Mr. P. L. Barrett, Mr. R. N. Jaye, Mrs. P. V. De Escano, Mr. L. Laichand, Miss H. Olson, Miss W. L. Schlemer, Mrs. F. Spencer, Mrs. P. Boyd, Mstr. J. Prizer, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Semon, Mr. and Mrs. E. Bushnell, Mr. and Mrs. H. Gilmore, Mr. Lau Kit-sang, Mr. Lao Seck-cun, Miss E. L. McLung, Mr. K. Florenco, Mrs. F. Yu, Miss K. Earl, Miss K. Arcadia, Miss K. Natividad, Mr. Ah Chow, Mr. N. J. Perrin, Mr. M. J. Heras, Mr. L. M. Ozamis, Miss E. Ogalvia, Miss C. Ozamiz, Mr. Yong Tau-kie.

TODAY'S LEAGUE SOCCER.

The following games in the Hong Kong Football League (division I) are down for decision to-day kick-off at 4.45 p.m.:—

Chinese Athletic v. South China. H.K.F.C. ground. Referee: Mr. Baldwin.

Club de Recreo v. Kowloon F.C. King's Park. Referee: Capt. Austin, M.C., M.M.

2nd Batt. Scots Guards v. 1st Batt. Queen's Regt., Sookumpoo. Referee: Mr. Smith.

Owing to there not being sufficient members to form a quorum, the annual meeting of the Victoria Recreation Club which was to have been held yesterday evening, had to be postponed until Friday, April 20. An announcement to this effect was made by Mr. W. Logan, Chairman.

The following have been selected to represent the Indian Recreation Club "B" in a friendly cricket match against the R.A.S.C., on the R.A.S.C. ground, on Saturday, at 2 p.m.:—M. P. Madar (captain), R. Nazarin, Sirdar Khan, D. Mohamed, A. Butt, A. Rahmin, U. T. Thad, A. K. Ismail, A. M. Ramjahn, A. R. Sufiad, M. R. Abbas.

Shadows Before

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

To-day — Queen's Theatre; "Seventh Heaven."
To-day—World Theatre; "A Society Scandal."
To-day—Star Theatre; "The Midnight Girl."

March 22—Dance, at Cheer 'O Y.M.C.A., at 7.30 p.m.
March 22—Musical at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

March 22-24—World Theatre; "You Never Know Women."
March 22-24—Star Theatre; "Hold That Lion."

March 23—Dance, at Cheer 'O Y.M.C.A., at 7.30 p.m.
March 24—Music, at Cheer 'O Y.M.C.A., at 7.30 p.m.

March 25-26—Queen's Theatre; "The Campus Flirt."
March 25-26—World Theatre; at 5.15 & 9.20 "The Little Irish Girl," at 2.30 & 7.15, Chinese drama, "The Monkey Monk."

March 25-26—Star Theatre; "The Understanding Heart."
March 27-28—Queen's Theatre; "On Your Toes."

March 27-28—World Theatre; at 5.15 & 9.20, "Dancing Mothers," at 2.30 & 7.15, Chinese drama, "The Monkey Monk."

March 27-28—Star Theatre; "Drusilla with a Million."
March 29-31—Queen's Theatre; "The Unknown," also at all performances, Miss Chee Toy in popular new numbers.

March 29-31—Star Theatre; "The Runaway."
April 3—At the Star Theatre, Kowloon, the Wilbur Players present their opening performance.

Sports.

To-day—Whist Drive at Cheer 'O Y.M.C.A., at 7 p.m.
To-day—Billiards match at Palace Hotel, 6 p.m.

To-day — Interport Billiard Match, Club Lusitano, 6 p.m. and 9 p.m.

To-day—Annual Billiard tournament of the Craigengower Cricket Club.

March 22—Interport Billiard Match, Club Lusitano, 6 p.m.

March 23—Interport Billiard Match, Club Lusitano, 6 p.m.

March 24—Annual University Athletic sports, 4 p.m.

March 31—Fanling Hunt Steeplechase (Easter Meeting).

Lammeris' Auctions.
March 22—At 13, Queen's-rd. Central, goods and chattels of Mrs. F. K. Cameron, 10 a.m.

March 23—At 12 Chatham-rd., Kowloon, valuable household furniture, fine blackwood dining room suite, a collection of Curios, etc., etc., 2.30 p.m.

To-day — Annual meeting of Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Assn. in Messrs. Jardine's board room, 6.30 p.m.

To-day—Address by Adjutant A. Harris of the Salvation Army, at St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club.

March 22—H.K. Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd., meeting

FASHIONS AND FANCIES

THINGS THAT ARE NEW.

Novelties of Unique Charm and Appeal are Finding a Place in the Shops That Specialise in Smart Accessories.



Each season demands its special allotment of accessories for the appeal of the feminine shopper. There are always new styles in pocketbooks, gloves, jewellery, shoes, scarves, stockings, smoking pieces, flowers, belts and other things dear to the hearts of femininity. These things, small pieces of charm in themselves, add infinite variety and chic to the appearance. Right now with winter winds making themselves felt, furs and woollen and silk scarves are matters of much importance. The fur scarf is particularly effective and is being seen in one and two skins in all colours to harmonize with the costume. Woollen scarves of blazing colours for sports and the smart silk squares of pastel tones with brighter colours woven or stencilled make most effective bits of covering for the neck. In the evening the scarf also deserves notice for it is appearing heavily fringed. Sometimes incrustations of rhinestones add to the beauty of rhinestones add to the beauty of the formal scarf.

Fans of feathers have a way of bobbing into popularity every once in so often and this season sees them in peacock feathers as well as ostrich feathers of either curled or uncurled beauty. The colours in these fans are really lovely.

Jewellery has its everlasting charm. It may be seen right now in charming designs of simple appeal for the daytime in engraved gold and silver with stones of a semi-precious nature. Crystals are very good right now. In the evening the beauty of the stones is a matter of first importance and their setting of secondary nature. Black and white effects in jewellery are new and interesting features of the evening mode.

Pocketbooks of all sizes and styles are exhibited. Certain shops are featuring a matching shoe and bag with success. Formality and elaborateness is seen in the bags for afternoon and evening. Decorations in coloured enamels are new and pleasing features of the bags. Black velvet bags are seen for evenings in novel shapes. Fabric bags—particularly taffetas

are very chic. Deerskin, crocodile, calfskin and suedes are the favourite materials for the daytime. Cigarette novelties include cases of leather in odd designs. Silver and gold are still seen, but the pliable cases are quite new and smart. Colours play an important

part in the trimmings and enamels as well as jewels for initials and decorations.

Mary Astor, counting accessories as extremely important, wears some charming novelties to complete a smart appearance in the First National film, "No Place to Go."



Dainty Leghorn hat trimmed with Shot Silk and Petal Flowers, by "Reslaw," London.

PARIS MODES.

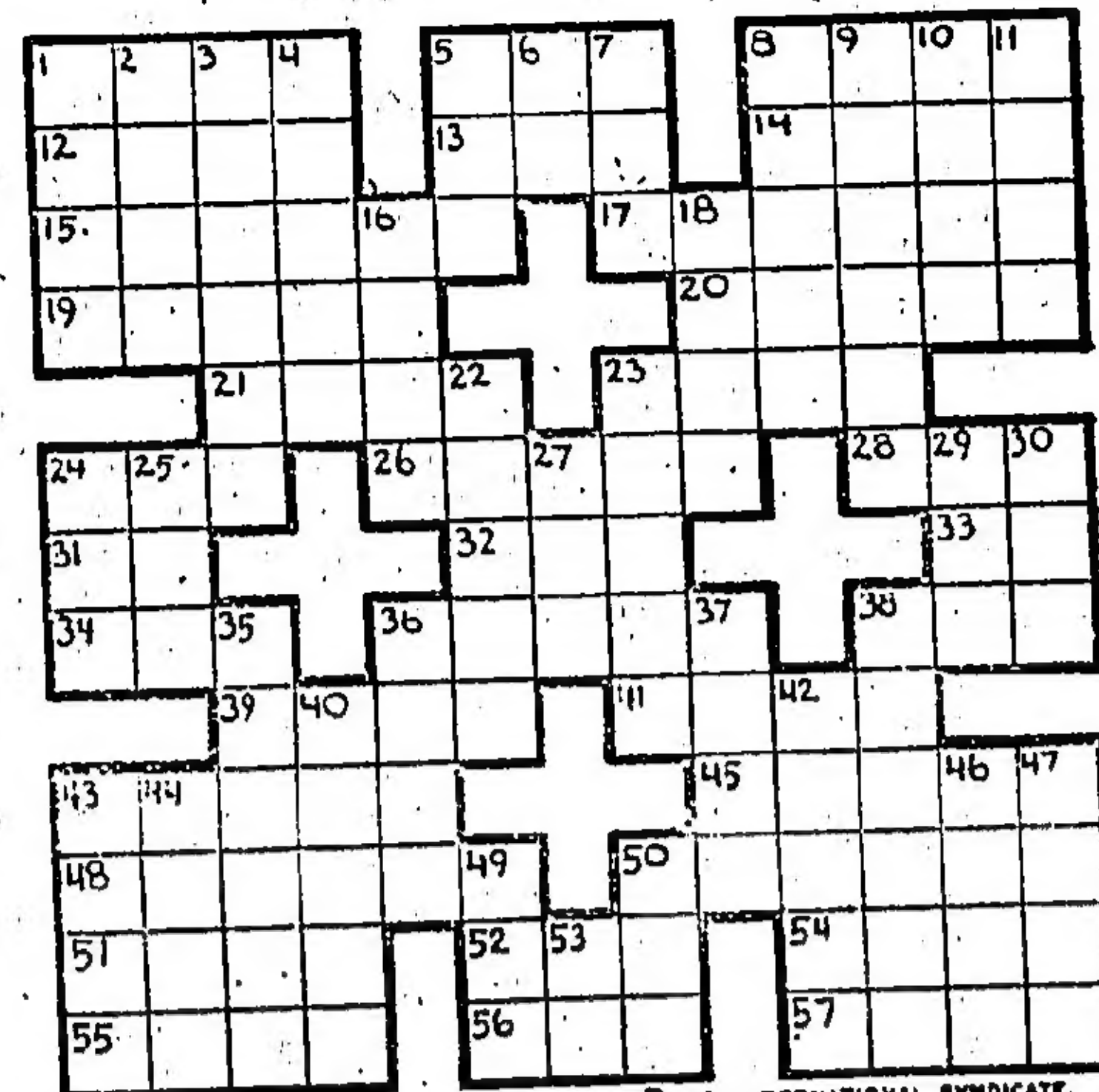
Velvet For Evening Wraps.

Paris.—Velvet is the favourite material for evening wraps at the present moment, although lamé and other broadened silks are still used

a great deal. Velvet also is used extensively for lining, even when the outside is of the same material. The evening wrap may be as simple or as elaborate as one wishes, but the same careful attention is given to its lines as to those of a frock, for even in outer garments the slim silhouette must be retained.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plov, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL

- 1-Agree with
- 5-Torrid
- 9-Aroma
- 12-Aroma
- 13-Man's name
- 14-A lake
- 15-Metrical measure
- 17-A draft of medicine
- 18-Consumed
- 20-Violent epidemics
- 21-Prepare for publication
- 22-Existed
- 23-Young boy
- 25-To draw off by degrees
- 28-Speak
- 31-Printer's measure
- 32-Peculiar
- 33-You
- 34-Scrutinize
- 35-Sets of rules
- 38-To steep
- 39-Jump

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 41-Large cord
- 43-Gay fellow
- 45-One of the six mechanical powers
- 48-City in Texas
- 50-Turn in for the night
- 51-Drops
- 52-Small
- 54-Dash
- 55-Disappear gradually
- 56-Termination
- 57-Cessation from labor

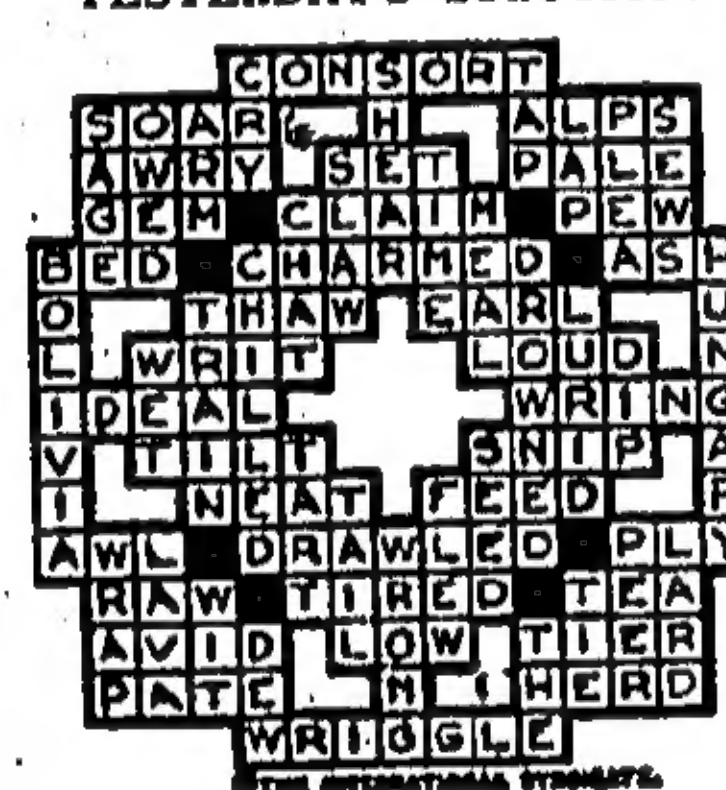
VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 5-Gets up
- 10-Tumult
- 11-A number
- 16-Girl's name
- 18-To unlock
- 22-Cavalry unit
- 23-Broader
- 24-Sheltered side
- 25-Girl's name
- 27-Sum up
- 28-Affirmative
- 30-Still
- 35-Ran away
- 36-Felines
- 37-A fish
- 38-Defame
- 40-Rub out
- 42-Man's name
- 43-Ego
- 44-Prayer
- 46-Periods
- 47-Lease
- 48-Be indebted
- 50-A color
- 53-Printer's measure

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES.
Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn will still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



several silver cords forming a giraffe. There is also in this collection a very attractive, as well as extremely practical, evening coat of heavy white corded silk, designed for the Riviera, which has a straight back and slight godets at the front and is trimmed with squirrel in the natural yellowish-beige colour.

The Maison Béchoff has a very original design in a circular cape for evening wear. This is in black velvet, with fine vertical tuckings extending from the neck to well below the waistline, where they end in a V-shape, with a cord and long silk tassel hanging from the back of the neck and a shawl collar of white ermine. A gold and black broadened lamé coat by the same designer has a deep band of black velvet around the bottom and up the fronts forming the lower part of the sleeves, the pattern at the edge of the brocade being cut and appliquéd on the velvet. A full collar of yellow fox is used at the neck. A coat of deep orange velvet embroidered around the bottom with gold thread has the same deep band of black velvet around the bottom, with a standing collar of black fox.

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SAY—
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WIFE AND I ARE
JUST LIKE ONE—
YES—AN—
YOU'LL SOON
FIND OUT
THERE IS
ONLY ONE—
REALLY—WE EVEN
THINK ALIKE—
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ME WIFE
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DEMISE OF "WESTMINSTER
GAZETTE."

HOW STAFF TOOK IT.

Officially, the old "Westminster Gazette" died on Wednesday morning, February 8, when its astonished readers were presented with a copy of the "Daily News," of which it had become part. So far as the staff were concerned, it died somewhere between three and four-thirty, the previous afternoon, when a bombshell fizzled and then exploded with a devastating suddenness which paralysed all work and left a few hundred workers in Shoe-lane agape. In so short a time a big and complex organisation for broadcasting the world's news from all quarters of the globe became little more than a name—and an epitaph. How did it all happen, to those to whom it was trade, profession, and livelihood? Round about three a reporter came back from a Liberal luncheon, at which a speaker, qualified to speak with authority, had as the saying goes, "blown the gaff." When he came in with the news his colleagues, busy on their "stories," said: "Yes, tell us another; we seem to have heard things like that before." The reporter persisted that there could be no doubt. He reported to his News Editor, who knew nothing. Calmly, as though he were reporting a political speech instead of a calamity which deprived him of his job, he sat down to his typewriter, and began: "At a Liberal luncheon at — to-day, Mr. So-and-so said — and duly handed round a finished document among his no longer incredulous colleagues, writes one of them in the "Observer."

"Everything's Off."

Rumour courses through every room like a forest fire. Every where there are informal conferences. The News Editor, who has gone post-haste to the Managing Editor, returns to the reporters' room, bends over a man who has just been ordered to Scotland by the night train for Earl Haig's funeral and drawn substantial expenses in advance, and says: "Drop that story you're doing, laddie, and don't worry about Scotland. It's off. Everything's off." The paper, as a paper, is dead. Half an hour ago it was a living, striving entity, with human brain and blood feeding it

with energy and knowledge. It has become of less account to the staff than a felled ox in a slaughterhouse. The Street of Adventure.

At 4.30, by arrangement, the whole of the editorial staff on duty — reporters, sub-editors, leader-writers, reviewers, picture department, library, and reference-room—crowd into the reporters' room to hear a statement from the Managing Editor. He, an understanding and sympathetic man, stands before his 50 or more staunch workers, and quietly, bitterly, confirms the news. He was under solemn promise not to divulge it for another hour, for a very real reason which concerns circulation in relation to rival newspapers.

"You can imagine how I have felt these past few days," he says, "knowing what I have known and being unable to divulge it to you." He speaks of the splendid loyalty of his staff. He mentions the names of a mere handful who are invited to go over to the amalgamating paper. For the rest, inevitably and regretfully, there are very liberal notices, either according to contract or in excess of it. All that remains is "Good luck" and "Good-bye."

The Personal Side.

One has to know the splendid camaraderie and corporate spirit which infuses a newspaper staff over a series of years to realise what a blow like that means. To few occupations in life does a man give so much of himself for so impermanent a reward. A head of a business builds up a property and retires on it in the fullness of his years; a journalist, with few exceptions, retires from his, in a vastly different sense, when his work can be better done by the younger men. He has given his all and kept, as aims for oblivion—his savings, if any. He passes on.

And so one looks round at one's colleagues and sees the Dead Sea fruit which is the harvest of their labours. One or two were already old "Westminster" men before it changed from an evening to a morning daily over six years ago. Others have worked for it two, four, six years, slaved with no thought of food or rest, so that their paper should not be "left." Some are at the zenith of their powers, doing personal and distinctive work, after years of drudgery and disappointment, which it is the ambition of every journalist to do.

And there are the younger men from the provinces, thrilled with their early experiences on a London daily, their faces, set square to a journalist's career. Three of them, feeling stability and hope, have just married. One returned from a honeymoon to find his new home burgled and his wedding presents stolen—and now this! Another, a lover of Hardy's books, who got his first real chance when he was sent down to Dorchester to "cover" the novelist's death, and did splendid work on it, comes up to me quietly with signed and completed enlistment forms for the Royal Air Force, and says: "Queer, isn't it? But I filled in these papers when things looked so uncertain, over a year ago. Looks as if they'll come in handy yet."

Apart from the editorial side, there are the circulation, advertising, compositors, process, foundry, machine-room hands—perhaps around 400, mostly with specialised jobs, flung on to the street at one time.

Busy Machines, Empty Desks.

Within an hour or so of the bombshell the editorial rooms are practically deserted, with half-finished "stories" sticking out of typewriters and stacks of "copy" lying about tables discarded—the last and loneliest "over-matter" of the old "Westminster Gazette." My final impression that evening is of the quiet-mannered night editor and the dramatic critic chatting together in a sort of uncanny vacuum where normally all would be stir and bustle, and of the tape and Creed machines by the sub's room ticking and tapping relentlessly on with no one to tear avidly at their news. Most of the "boys" are elsewhere, holding copies of the last "Westminster Gazette," in which every colleague has autographed his "story." What else should they do when something which was breath and life to them is dead? Pride of paper to these men is like pride of regiment to a Guards' officer. The Street of Adventure has felt the shock of another, but worse, "Tribune" disaster; a fighting unit has disbanded.

Above all, there is the crowning irony that men whose professional passion is news-spotting and news-getting for others should be taken unaware by the one news-story most vital to themselves.

Mr. Chang Ching-kiang, a member of the Nationalist Government, has left Shanghai for Nanking.

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POISONED?

American Man In Manila.

MERCURY TABLETS.

Allegations That Drug Was Self Administered.

Manila, March 14. Frederick Johnson Stotts, an American employed in Navaliches, Rizal, was brought to Manila and admitted to the St. Paul's Hospital this morning suffering from the effects of five large tablets of bichloride of mercury, self-administered.

The case is under the care of Dr. W. H. Waterons, who entertains hope for the patient's recovery. Mr. Stotts said this morning that he had been unable to sleep for several days and wanted to die.

Frederick Stotts first came to the Philippines on August 1, 1920. In February of the following year he went back to the United States, but returned here last October. Since then he has been employed by J. Levy at Navaliches, Rizal.

Mr. Stotts is a native of Kansas City Missouri. His only known relative is an aunt, Miss L. J. Johnson, of Oakland, California.

TIENTSIN DIASTER.

25 PERSONS DROWNED IN PEI HO.

CARELESS BOATMAN.

Tientsin, Yesterday.

Twenty-five Chinese, mostly women and girls, were drowned last night when a ferry-boat straddled the hawyers of a dredger in mid-river and capsized.

It appears that some 40 Chinese workers of the British Cigarette Company were crossing the river from the ex-Russian Concession when the boatman, through neglect, ran the boat across the hawyers of the dredger. Fifteen were saved, including the ferryman, by holding on to the hawyers, but about 25 were drowned.

The ferryman is reported to have bolted.—Reuter.

NORTH POLE FLIGHT.

ITALIAN PREPARATIONS IN HOME.

Spezia, Yesterday.

The steamer "Citta de Milano" which will serve as the base-ship for the semi-dirigible "Italia" in which General Nobile will attempt a flight to the North Pole left for King's Bay, Spitzbergen, where it will remain during the expedition.

The departure was witnessed by a number of distinguished people. Premier Mussolini sent a letter to the captain of the ship, which saluted the warships in the harbor.—Reuter.

MADRAS AGITATORS.

SWARAJIST NON-CONFIDENCE VOTE REJECTED.

Madras, Yesterday.

The Legislative Council by 69 to 46 rejected a Swarajist motion of non-confidence in the Ministry.

The Swarajists severely attacked the Chief Minister for flouting the Council's mandate to boycott the Simon Commission.

The Chief Minister thought the Commission took precedence over a boycott vote in the House, which he interpreted not as a censure to his attitude but as a lead to the country.—Reuter.

THE COLDSTREAMS.

ARRIVE HOME FROM CHINA.

London, Yesterday.

The 2nd Batt. Coldstream Guards arrived on the s.s. "Assaye" from China and will be welcomed on disembarkment to-morrow by Lieut. General Codrington, Colonel of the Regiment.—Reuter.

ONE ARMED RED.

ARRESTED AS MURDER SUSPECT.

Bernes, Yesterday.

The Italian one-armed Communist Favon, suspected of complicity in the murder of Savorelli, has been arrested near Basle.—Reuter.

CIVIL AVIATION.

Where Britain Is Ahead.

MINISTER'S CLAIMS.

Air Service Reliability Put At 96 Per Cent.

London, Yesterday. The House of Commons passed the Air Estimates after rejecting by 217 votes to 90 a motion by Lt.



Sir Samuel Hoare.

Comdr. Kenworthy to reduce the vote on men by 100 men.

Sir Samuel Hoare, replying to the debate, claimed that from the viewpoint of reliability and the economy of the administration we were definitely ahead in civil aviation compared with anywhere else in the world, and that we were making better progress than any other countries in making civil aviation self-supporting.

The reliability of the British air service was now 96 per cent. compared with 75 per cent. four years ago.—Reuter.

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"RED LIGHTS."

May Glow Near Navy Yard.

CAVITE PROPOSAL.

Naval Authorities Seek Protection For Men.

Manila, March 14. The establishment of a "red light" district in the vicinity of the Cavite navy yard is being seriously considered by insular authorities.

Naval authorities, it is understood, if favourably disposed to the scheme as a means of protection for their men.

The question of establishing a district of this kind under government supervision has popped up from time to time. Counsellor Regalado was the most enthusiastic sponsor of a measure legalizing such step.

This is the first move, however, that is understood to be intended primarily for men of the navy.—"Manila Times."

ZINOVIEFF LETTER.

MATTER NOW REGARDED AS CLOSED.

London, Yesterday. The consensus of opinion is that the Zinovieff letter will not be further discussed in the House of Commons after the revelations of last night, which have effectively disposed of allegations that a leakage occurred through the Civil Service.

Members of the Ministerial Benches regard the matter as closed.

Though some Liberal members support the demand for an enquiry, none voted with the Labour members. Nevertheless a section of the Labour Party this morning was still unsatisfied and wanted to know the identity of the friend who gave Mr. Inthurn the information.

Mr. Inthurn, in an interview with a Reuter representative this morning, said that there was no doubt about the authenticity of the Zinovieff letter. He considered that the matter should be dropped and buried. There were the strongest reasons why it was impossible to disclose the name of his informant.—Reuter.

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SEDITIONARY BOOKS?

CHINESE MAN AND WOMAN. FACE CHARGE.

The two Chinese men and one woman who are charged with the unlawful possession of seditious literature at No. 7, Cross-street, Wanchai, were again before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Detective Sergeant withdrew the charge against one of the men, informing the Magistrate that the police had no evidence to offer against him. This accused was accordingly discharged.

With regard to the other accused, the Sergeant asked for another remand, explaining that the translation of the documents seized in the house had not yet been completed. The Magistrate fixed hearing of the case for 11.30 on Friday morning.

Mr. W. J. Brindley, engineer-in-charge of the waterworks at Lubok, Kundong Dong, has died at the Durian Daun hospital.

SIX MONTHS.

BANISHEE WHO RETURNED TO MOTHER.

A Chinese was this morning charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy with returning from banishment after he was sent away for five years on July 5, 1927.

The accused, who admitted the offence said that he came back to look for his mother.

Sub-Inspector Cargill, in charge of police records, told the Magistrate that the accused served two terms of imprisonment last year for breaches of the Opium Ordinance before he was banished.

Sentence of six months' hard labour was passed.

DANGEROUS HABIT.

A Chinese named Leung Sam (26) living at No. 112, Tai Shek-street, Shaokwan, was yesterday removed to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from serious head injuries received through a fall in attempting to alight from a moving tram car.

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